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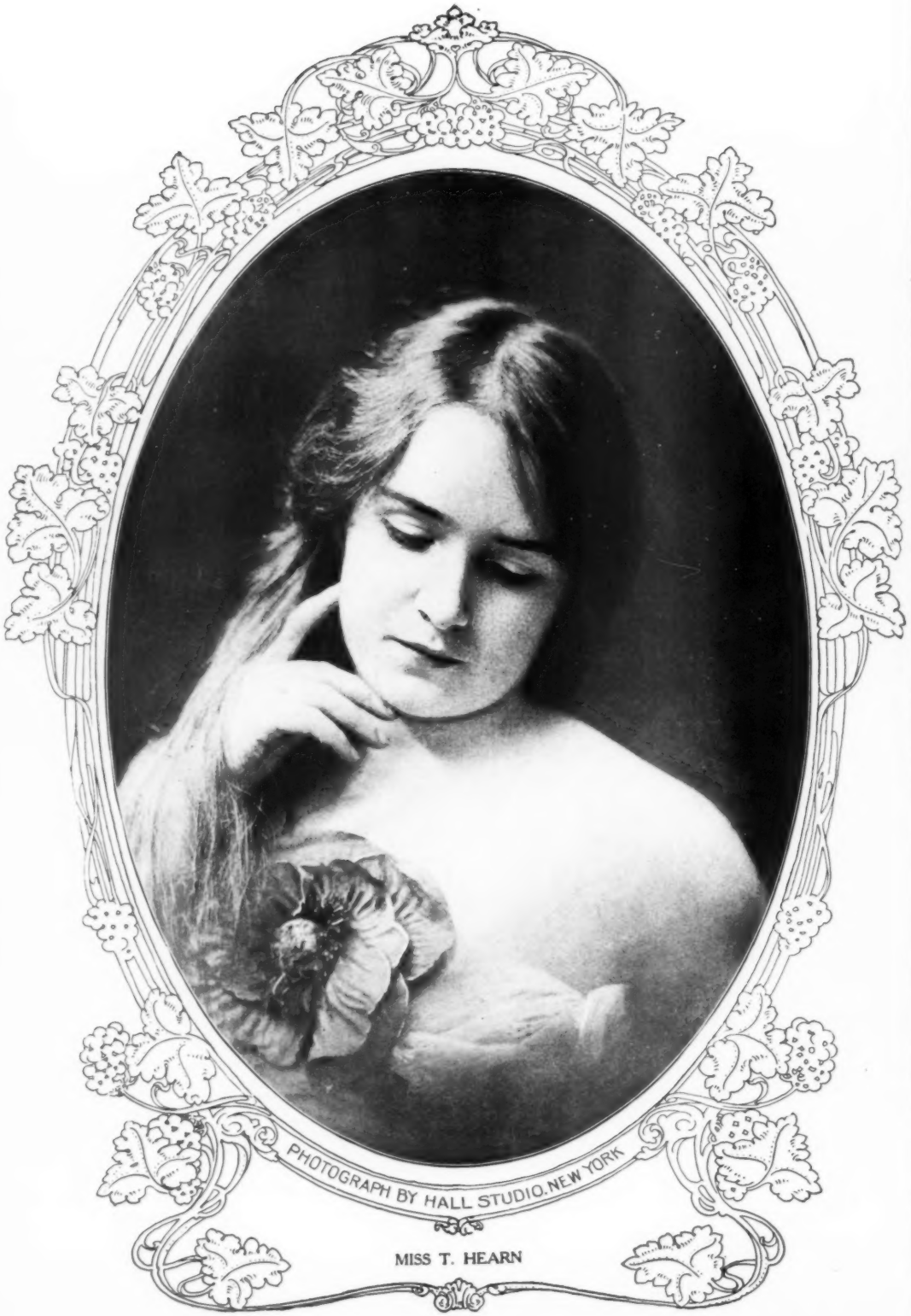
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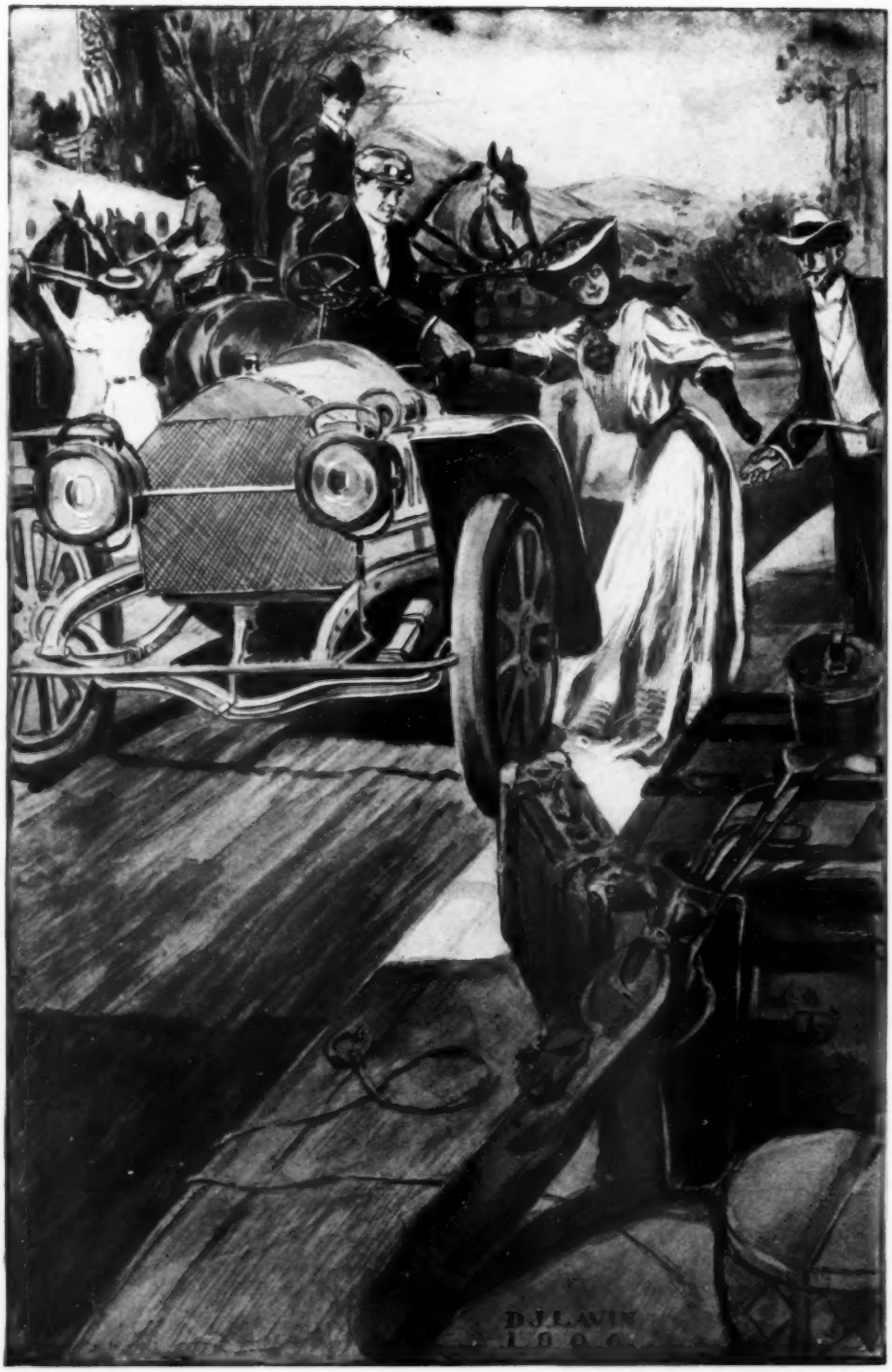
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Jack seized Alice's wrist and pulled her in beside him.

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An Improvised Engagement

BY MARY WILHELMINA HASTINGS

"Of course you understand," said Priscilla, "the full consequence of this deed?"

She paused, with her foot on the step of the little red runabout, smiling up at the Amherst Senior above her.

"Will you be sent to the head of the social committee, or forbidden jam, or denied men at Vespers?"

"Laugh, if you dare," she challenged, "but it is you who will have to take the consequence, as well as I!"

"I? My dear Miss Day, the Amherst faculty does not frown upon excursions *a deux* with Smith students. But if I can assume the dire penalty for you, don't hesitate a moment longer. On my head be it."

He assisted her to the seat, sprang in beside her, and the big, black horse started off at a lively pace.

It was a perfect autumn afternoon. A soft haze tempered the brightness of the day and draped the distant hills in tremulous blue mist. On every side the country unrolled itself in pastoral glimpses. Low, red-roofed farm-houses dozed between orchards of spangled fruit, and long fields tented with corn stalks and dotted with yellow pumpkins. Asters and late golden-rod plumed the dusty road-side, and scarlet sumach glowed warmly against the weathered gray of old stone fences.

Priscilla gave a delighted sigh and whisked off her hat, offering her bright head as a target for wind and sun.

"Riding is so much nicer than walking," she observed, frowning at the dusty tips of her shoes as they poked up on the other side of the laprobe. Then she demanded the reins, and passed her hat to Richards. He accepted the gay rose garden with a cautious eye for stray daggers.

"What is this dire consequence I am to assume?" he questioned.

"There is n't any unless we 're discovered. If we are—well, you know college tradition has it that the undergraduate can only drive in company with a parent, a brother, or a *fiancé*, and as you 're a trifle young for a parent," she scanned Richards' handsome face critically, "I'm afraid you will have to be a long-lost brother or a *fiancé*."

"I should be an absolute failure as a brother," he predicted positively. "I have had no experience whatever along those lines. But as a *fiancé*, now—"

Words seemed to fail him.

"Well, just try me," he vaunted.

"I hope I sha'n't have to! We aren't likely to meet any of the faculty along this road and girls don't count—Shall we turn here?"

"Just as you please—as long as we reach the old cider-mill."

"That's so dreadfully public!"

"You just said that girls did n't count."

She drew in her underlip reflectively, caution warring with impulse. But Priscilla never stopped to think very long; and Priscilla never could take a dare!

"To the old cider-mill!" she cried, and touched up Black Bill again.

Richards smiled down at her. He had danced with this Miss Day at his fraternity affairs for about a year now, but they had never exchanged more than a dozen light sentences at a time, though he had

always cherished a hazy intention of calling upon her. Just now, as he had met her by chance on the Amherst road, she had struck him as prettier and more attractive than usual. The out-of-doors became her as if it were made for her, he reflected; he liked the lift of her spirited head and the curves of the loose tan coat on her erect young figure; even the heavy dogskins on her slim hands pleased him.

Burton Richards, it may be inferred, was distinctly a critical youth, with somewhat more money than a youth needs, and was afflicted, therefore, with a touch of the inevitable *ennui* of too-easy acquisition. That is, he had been so afflicted until he encountered Priscilla; there were no symptoms of the malady conspicuous now.

They scurried past several groups of girls on the road and an occasional runabout, but no one whom they knew was at the mill when they arrived.

So they sat leisurely on the shady porch, sipping cool, sweet glasses of cider, while inside the mill-wheels roared and the ripe apples went tumbling down into the hopper. There were little packages of cookies too, fresh, crisp cookies, made by the mill owner's wife, and an intelligent collie came out and begged for them so successfully that the cookie sale became something phenomenal. At last Priscilla discovered two students strolling over the hill and insisted upon departure.

The early fall sunset was beautiful but brief, and when they crossed the bridge and entered broad, Northampton street, the twilight shadows were already shrouding the delinquents from too curious eyes.

"It was glorious," sighed Priscilla. "I'm not sorry a bit that I've been bad. But you must n't drive me any further. Put me down at the turn."

But just at the turn, the judgment which very properly lies in wait for evil-doers fell upon them. It came in the shape of a small black and tan dog, a yelping ball that flew at Black Bill as if he were some long-lost enemy.

Up went Bill's head and away he plunged, and after him the little fury, close at his heels. In vain Richards, who was no feather weight, pulled on the reins: Bill's big teeth were clenched on the bit, and the most that the young fellow could hope, for the moment, was to guide the mad dash somewhat, as they whirled into the business street of the city. People scattered in front of them and carriages swerved from right to left. Richards braced and pulled till the skin was rubbed from his hands, and slowly the big horse began to yield to his control. At last he stopped, trembling and panting, almost at the college gates.

Far behind, from a cloud of dust, came the snarling of the iniquitous black dog. Priscilla's hands, which had been gripping the seat rail, relaxed, and she laughed excitedly.

"What a thrilling finish! How strong you are! I'm glad I was n't driving then. Oh, do let me out! Do you see where we are?"

Richards saw, and saw also on the walk opposite them two unfeignedly interested observers. One of the women he recognized as a prominent member of the faculty; the other was a stranger to him, but her expression was not reassuring.

At the same time Priscilla became aware of the onlookers and bowed with chill formality. Then she leaned back resignedly.

"You might just as well drive me to the house," she murmured. "That was Miss Holland, and Mrs. Matthison, our house matron."

Richards drove on slowly while profound silence enveloped them. It was one of the few, the very few, occasions when words failed Priscilla. But as they drew up at the door she rallied bravely.

"Those who are about to die salute thee!" she laughed, "Mother M. seems to have rushed home to be ready for me," for Mrs. Matthison was even then mounting the steps.

Richards jumped out but instead of assisting her to descend he waved her back and handed her the lines. Then he whipped the hat from his head and bent toward her with great solemnity.

"Miss Priscilla L. Day, will you deign to accept me—temporarily—as *fiancé-in-chief*? I promise absolutely model behavior and irrevocable secrecy."

"Are you sure that the remedy is n't worse than the disease?" flashed Priscilla. Then she dimpled and twin sparks of

mischief began to dance in her eyes. "If you prove very model—and very temporary," she debated, and then, "Oh, don't go in yet!"

But Richards, without more words, turned and dashed up the steps two at a time.

such a critical place, and why had she embarked upon a forbidden drive at all? Solitary meditation was swiftly sapping the delightful thrill of adventure.

From inside the house rang the vibrant peal of the dinner bell, and a moment later Richards came down the steps, not in mad



DRAWN BY G. C. WILLIAMS

Two unfeignedly interested observers.

For some fifteen minutes of harrowing suspense Priscilla sat there, soothing the restive Bill and wondering fearfully what was going on within. Would Richards really dare? Oh, surely not! He was probably trying to smooth the thing over. She sighed at the futility of the attempt. Why had that hateful horse run away at

haste as he had ascended them, but leisurely, jauntily, his hands in his pockets, the smile of satisfied achievement on his face.

"You have n't really?" breathed Priscilla.

"Of course I have!" loftily. "Told her that I thought it was rather up to me to

announce our engagement to her, though you wished it kept private for a while. She remarked that she was indeed relieved to hear of the relationship, but we ought either to announce it or abstain from future drives. I said her point was fair and I was anxious to spread the tidings but that your parents considered you too young."

"I've only one," murmured Priscilla, "and he does n't remember my age over night."

"Naturally there were a few breaks in the performance," Richards admitted, "but I thought that as a whole it went off rather well. I went on to ask if driving did n't seem announcement enough, and she owned that perhaps it was. The beauty of the romance was beginning to dawn on her about this time—"

"Oh, oh!" groaned Priscilla. "This is dreadful! Shall I have to see her about it? I can never—"

"I tried to make it easy for you," he assured her. "I told her, that as it was a first affair, you were abnormally shy on the subject and could scarcely be brought to speak of it—but she looked incredulous."

"Oh, think of it!" wailed Priscilla. "An hour ago you were an acquaintance—a mere acquaintance in a runabout—and now," in a burst of despair, "now you 're a dreadful *fiancé!*"

"I may say that you 're ungrateful. Half an hour ago you were a discovered criminal—a violater of sacred tradition—and now you are a restored favorite on a pedestal of mystery and romance."

A hum of voices and rattle of dishes from the dining-room interrupted his indignation and reminded Priscilla of the hour. She sprang out in haste and replanted a restraining comb in her wind-blown locks.

"I must be horribly late."

"Can't we go down to Boyden's to celebrate?"

"We can not. The dust is an inch thick upon my countenance. Besides, the more I think of it, Mr. Richards, the more I feel that we are temperamentally unsuited, and must needs part. Our engagement is accordingly at an end."

"Not so fast," said he placidly. "If Mrs. Matthison—or Miss Holland—asks you tomorrow if you are engaged, you'll look well replying, 'I was.' Wait a week or two at least. Must you go? Suppose we drive again tomorrow? Make hay while the sun shines, you know."

"I've driven quite enough," returned Priscilla, a trifle ungratefully. "I'm not so sure that it's hay I'm harvesting, either. It looks more like wild oats."

She was sure of this after dinner when there came a half-hour with Mrs. Matthison. Not that the matron was unpleasant, she was all smiles and friendly interest, but poor Priscilla hung embarrassedly on the threshold of her sitting-room, first on one foot, then on the other, in stammering confusion. Undoubtedly, reflected Mrs. Matthison, the girl must be very much in love.

When Priscilla reached her room she found a box from Field's had arrived before her, a fragrant cluster of purple violets accompanied by Richards' card. Priscilla's roommate fell on her excitedly.

"Is it true?" she demanded. "Did you go driving with Mr. Richards and did Mother M. find it out and have you been nearly annihilated? Do you have to see the president? What did she say? Where did you go? And how did you happen—"

"Do I look annihilated?" returned Priscilla serenely, as she started down the hall to borrow a vase. Although Priscilla had quite as many flowers as any girl in the house, except Anne Darrow, the rich sophomore who sent them to herself, she had never been known to purchase a vase.

"We went; we met Mother M. and we—explained," she continued as she returned with two to choose from. "The incident is closed."

The roommate sank disgustedly into the Morris chair. "If it had been anybody but you," she commented, "there would have been something doing; you always seem to find a way out. Is n't this awfully sudden about Richards?"

She asked the question again the next morning when a great wooden box arrived, full of glowing American beauties with fabulously long, thorn-studded stems. They filled Priscilla's room by day, and two third-floor bathtubs at night, and had the bracing effect of inducing Priscilla to clean house, in an effort to live up to them, she explained.



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Up went Bill's head and away he plunged.

Beyond her note of thanks Priscilla did not communicate with her new-found *fiancé* for some three days, when he telephoned and invited her to dinner at Boyden's that evening.

"I was about to discard you for neglect," she informed him then. "Yes, I'll come, though you can't linger afterwards. I'm due at Philosophical Society. We 're discussing "The Ideation of Thinghood."

Something, that might have been a chuckle, came to her before Richards rang off.

The only trouble about Boyden's is that so many other girls go at the same time you do, that when you are carving your own steak you are very frequently upsetting your neighbor's coffee. Anything like private conversation is accordingly impracticable, though occasionally—to the delight of eaves-droppers—attempted. Mr. Richards and Miss Day, however, adhered to the safest of topics, until the departing guests created a little space around them. Then they found so much to say over their ices and coffee that the "Ideation of Thinghood" slipped out of the question.

It was 9 o'clock when they returned to the campus house, and encountered Mrs. Matthison in the hall.

"Come right in here," she insisted hospitably, ushering them into her private sitting-room. "There are other couples in the parlor, and I sha'n't bother you at all. There are some sick girls I must run up and see. You can just make yourselves at home. I should like to know, though," she demanded merrily, hovering on the threshold, "how long this thing has been going on under my stupid eyes?"

Priscilla colored and with rare self-denial abstained from speech. Richards came nobly to the front.

"I'm sure I can't answer for Priscilla," he declared, "but it's dated back in the beginning of time with me. The first time I met her I—"

"The first time you met me," the girl interrupted, "you cut half my dance to talk to a red-haired freshman. Don't pretend it was instantaneous. I know better."

"On the contrary," he returned with decision, "you were most instantaneous. I could tell you to an hour," he said to Mrs. Matthison, "if I was not afraid that Priscilla would contradict me."

"And I suppose you want to be married

the moment you graduate?" that lady questioned with an indulgent smile.

"The very moment," averred Richards stoutly.

"And what does your father say to that?" she asked Priscilla.

"Oh, he's delighted," Richards declared.

"Why the idea!" Priscilla found her tongue suddenly. "You must n't believe a word he says," she urged on Mrs. Matthison. "We aren't going to be—to be married for years and years. There are a great many things to be considered."

"Youth seldom considers anything but itself," the lady answered.

The great hall-clock struck the half-hour, loudly, warningly.

"I'm afraid I must say good night," said Richards. "This has been very—"

"Good night," uttered Mrs. Matthison in a little flurry of haste. "I must run and see my sick girls, but you need n't hurry. You have ten minutes more, you know."

She was gone on the instant, shutting the door painstakingly after her. Priscilla followed her departure with blank eyes. Richards flung back his head and laughed.

"This," he observed, "is evidently an opportunity." He took a step toward Priscilla. "Opportunity comes but once," he remarked. "He who doubts and hesitates, you know—" Audaciously he captured her hand, bending nearer.

Then he stopped, for it was a different girl who looked up at him. The merry, reckless Priscilla was gone, and in her place was someone with a child's startled eyes and crimsoning cheeks.

"Don't—don't make me any more ashamed," she besought, her lips quivering. "I am sorry enough now. You don't know—how I feel."

"I beg your pardon." Richards' arm dropped to his side. "I carried the joke too far."

"I don't blame you. I—" Priscilla turned away. "I—don't know what you must think of me," came tremulously over her shoulder.

When a girl says such a thing, in such a way—especially a girl like Priscilla whose very faults won hearts—there is n't much a mere man can say that he will leave unsaid. Richards did his best. He put in some earnest moments telling her just what he did think of her and what a revelation she had been to him of sweet, impulsive girlhood, and what an honor it was to be even temporarily engaged to her, and when he had explained all this and shaken her hand formally in farewell, Priscilla had scrambled up out of the valley of humiliation and was regarding herself sunnily as a beneficient inspiration.

Mrs. Matthison interrupted this happy train of thought.

"He is charming," she declared positively, and then, "Where does he live, my dear?"

"Live?" Priscilla came out of her revery with a start. "Live? Why—at Amherst."

"Yes I know, but where is his home?"

"His home?" she echoed vaguely. Now why on earth had n't somebody told her where his home was? Why had n't he told her? "Why he—he has n't any real home. He travels so much."

"But where are his parents? Is n't his mother living?"

Priscilla turned the question over rapidly in her mind. Mothers had a very awkward way of appearing at their son's commencements and Mrs. Matthison chaperoned frequently at Amherst. "Not—not exactly living," she replied cautiously, deciding it was easier to remove a mother in case of a mistake than to resurrect one.

"Not exactly living!" Mrs. Matthison's tones reflected her natural amazement "What do you mean? Is she—paralyzed?"

"I mean she is n't living—with the—the others now," Priscilla explained desperately, preferring a family skeleton to an invalid. "I don't know what it is—Mr. Richards has never spoken of her."

"Oh, I see." Mrs. Matthison was gently apologetic. "You mentioned the others. Has Mr. Richards any brothers?"

"None," said Priscilla. She did not hesitate now to wipe away a possible houseful; it was much simpler than inventing names and characteristics. Yet suppose that some one of them should come to Amherst soon? "None—that he speaks of," she amended hastily.

Mrs. Matthison repeated the phrase in bewilderment. Priscilla was evidently marrying into a mystifying family. Yet the young man seemed to be sane and

sensible enough. Well, she hoped it would come out all right.

Just how the affair would have terminated if left to itself is uncertain. Priscilla indeed resolved to end it at once, and accordingly planned to drive with Richards on the following Saturday afternoon, to announce her decision, and at the same time to celebrate fitly the conclusion of the episode by another drive behind the big black horse.

But a sudden telegram Saturday morning drove every vestige of plan out of her head, and one o'clock found her at Boyden's, lunching *tête-à-tête* with a big, blue-eyed youth from Yale, whom she addressed most intimately as Bob.

Behind Priscilla, at the next table, sat little Miss Holland peering benevolently but short-sightedly at them over her glasses. Priscilla had been in her classes for two years; moreover, Miss Holland did not live in the self-conscious publicity of the campus, but kept house quite cozily by herself on a side street. She saw no reason therefore why she should not be as friendly as possible with the girls she knew. So, now, when the young couple rose and went to the desk, she followed them, and put her hand intimately on Priscilla's arm.

"Mrs. Matthison told me all about it. She thought I ought to know," she murmured in a low tone, that was not too low for adjacent ears. "I am delighted, and I want you to bring Mr. Richards to tea just as soon as you can."

Her smile so openly included the young



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"Mrs. Matthison told me all about it."

man, who so openly glared back at her, that Priscilla plunged into a scattered introduction.

"This is n't Mr. Richards— it's Mr. Moore," she explained. "Mr. Moore this —is—I mean, I want you to meet Miss Holland."

"Oh!" Miss Holland was plainly taken aback. Some of the cordiality ebbed from the smile which she was bestowing on Mr. Moore and a more neutral sentiment took its place. She turned again to Priscilla.

"Be sure and bring Mr. Richards soon," she impressed on her in parting.

"Mr.—what?" demanded Moore as he followed Priscilla out of the restaurant.

"You heard quite as well as I."

"Is she crazy? Who did she think I was?"

To this Priscilla vouchsafed no reply as no immediate one occurred to her. The irate man turned the thing over in his mind with illuminating results.

"I seem to be a few centuries behind the latest edition," he remarked at last with fine sarcasm. "But if it is n't too late to wish you joy—"

This was too much for Priscilla and she simply bubbled with laughter.

"Oh my, oh my! Bob, you are so funny! You don't know it, but you are."

It was no way to soothe offended dignity, and he grew stiffer and stiffer.

"If that is all the explanation you have to offer—"

"Explanation?" Priscilla's pride caught fire like straw. "I don't know why it is necessary for me to explain to you, Bob."

"It might seem necessary to anyone but you."



DRAWN BY G. C. WILLIAMS

A figure came down to greet them.

"Dear, dear, am I as dull as all that?"

"But perhaps you are right. No explanation is needed. The situation," gloomily, "is too clear. This —this Richardson—"

"Richards, Bob."

"That fool woman took me for him," fiercely.

"It was very stupid of her," said Priscilla in apologetic accents. "You don't look a bit alike." She stole a glance at him under her lashes. "Don't be silly, Bob; it's just a joke," she murmured.

This was a little better, but he did not permit himself to relax. "Are you, or are you not, engaged to this Richards?"

Priscilla debated. "Well I never had the least intention— it was this way—"

"Are you or are you not?"

Priscilla shut her lips and silence enveloped them until they reached the steps of her campus house. There in the sunshine sat Mrs. Matthison, and from beside her a long figure arose and came leisurely down the steps to greet them.

"I beg your pardon—but perhaps you forgot our engagement for this afternoon?"

"Oh, dear, yes!" gasped Priscilla. "Mr. Moore, let me present Mr. Richards."

Mr. Moore grasped the other's hand with correct collegiate energy but no per-

ceptible inner enthusiasm. "I believe," he observed with somber dignity, "that I am to congratulate you, Mr. Richards?"

Richards glanced from Priscilla's startled face to Mrs. Matthison, standing benignly above them on the steps.

"I am indeed to be congratulated," he returned, with equal dignity, though his eyes were twinkling. Then he met the message of Priscilla's glance. "Good afternoon," said he hastily.

"Good afternoon," said Moore at the same time, and then to Priscilla, "Good bye."

Down the brick walk to the eastern gate strolled one tall figure, and down the walk to the northern exit marched the other, erect with finality. The girl sank upon the lowest step, her chin in her palm, and eyed the departing backs, her eyes turning helplessly from east to north. Then she stared straight in front of her, over the sun-swept campus, where girls were playing tennis and workmen busy barreling the ruddy apples from the grove of trees. It came over her mind that she had made a fool of one man and had let another make a fool of her. She could not have told whether regret or resentment were the stronger, but she knew which was the harder to bear. Richard's twinkling eyes were hateful to her. She felt humiliated, as she had felt that night in the matron's room. She heard Mrs. Matthison move about the verandah, then go into the house. Some girls called across to her and she answered them mechanically. They called again, asking her to join them; she shook her head and rose to go in.

"Don't you think—since he's really gone," suggested a cheerful voice at her elbow, "that we might have our drive after all?"

If Priscilla's mental thermometer bounded some fifty or sixty degrees she gave no sign of it in the glance of artless surprise that she turned upon Richards. "I was just going in to —to phone Bob at the hotel to return," she said, demurely enough.

"Not a bit of it," said he.

Priscilla came down one step. "Do you realize what you have done?" she demanded tragically.

"I've done the best afternoon's work for myself that I ever did in my life," he assured her.

"You 're a selfish—monopolist," she retorted. "You 're not thinking of me at all. You have intruded on my happy past and crushed a blossom of young romance to the very earth!"

"I'll camp on it if that will keep it from reviving," declared Richards, unrepentantly. "I've got a bud of young romance myself to look after." Something in his eyes gave the flippant words a deeper meaning. "Look—it's such a jolly day. Black Bill is just at the livery. Priscilla, won't you come? I'm willing to take the consequences for life, you know!"

"Mercy—I'm not!" she declared, but with a laugh and a sigh for her own frailty she came.

The Song of the Sand

BY JOHNSTON McCULLEY

As Peters neared the water-hole, he noticed that the sun was sinking. The glare of the desert still blinded his eyes. On every side it surrounded him—hot, burning, relentless—the heat waves tossing about like billows of an inland sea. To Peters, the water-hole meant more than an oasis and more than rest, for it marked the beginning of the backward trail, and from it to Goldfield, Peters knew every foot of the way.

The jaded beast upon which he rode traveled with drooping head and unsteady feet. Its eyes were half-closed by heat sores, its tongue swollen. For a week, Peters had been off the beaten track, breaking a trail of his own, suffering a thousand torments, persisting with a dog-like tenacity in his gold quest. And he had failed. He was going back a beaten man—going back because to remain meant death. It were better, Peters had

concluded, to return empty-handed than not to return at all.

Half a mile from the water-hole, he shaded his eyes with a hand and glanced across the burning sands. He saw what he took to be a man and a horse. As he drew nearer, he realized that his eyes had not failed him—that the man and horse were really there. Mechanically, he felt to see that his revolver was ready for sudden action. It was probable that the man was a friend, Peters conjectured, yet there was a possibility that he was a foe. But, upon skirting a ledge of rock and coming in direct view of the hole, Peters threw to the winds all ideas of warfare. He did not know the man, therefore the stranger was a friend. In Peters' code of ethics it was written that every man was a friend until he knew you too well, then he was an enemy.

Peters stopped within a short distance of the stranger, nodded painfully, and dismounted. Taking his horse by the bridle, he approached the water and stooped to drink. The water was stagnant and muddy and warm, yet to Peters it was like a crystal spring gushing from the rocks. He drank deeply, breathing hard between draughts, and bathed his face, his neck and his hands. While he was doing this the other man approached and talked.

"I've been watchin' ye fer an hour," he said. "Thought ye were 'bout all in. Been lost?"

Peters sat down upon the sand and regarded the other scornfully.

"I've not been lost," he said. "Only tenderfeet git lost."

"Yer horse looks mighty bad."

"Wants water—that's all. He's good fer a month yet, if he gits water."

"Mine ain't," said the stranger. "He can't travel much more, I guess. I'm jus' goin' out, too. He twisted his leg. It's swellin'."

"That's bad," said Peters. "Ye'll hev to go back."

"I don't like to; I hate to give up."

Peters pointed a shaking finger out at the burning sands.

"I've been out there a week 'thout seein' man er beast," he said. "I hev to go back. It ain't hurtin' my feelings much. A feller gits used to it in time. If a feller always won out it would n't be any fun goin' at all."

"I've only been out once before," apologized the other. "Say, you got a pipe?"

"I hev," answered Peters, "but nothin' to go into it."

"I hev, though."

He produced a pouch of tobacco and tendered it to Peters. Presently both were puffing with deep content. In time they made preparation for a meal. Peters had provisions in plenty; it was the lack of water that was driving him back to Goldfield. He suggested that he be allowed to furnish the provisions, because, if the other prospector's horse improved and he was able to go on he would need all the provisions he had. The stranger assented, and they ate heartily.

After the sun sank into the west a fiery ball and the stars came out and the air became cooler, Peters saw that his horse was resting comfortably and rolled himself in his blanket. The stranger went to his horse in turn and examined the sprained leg and shook his head. He had lied somewhat to Peters; the horse was injured more than he had said. After a time he, too, rolled up in his blanket and lay looking up at the stars.

To his ears came the deep, tired breathing of Peters. He had realized at a glance that Peters was upon the verge of delirium, that the desert had weakened him in mind and body. Perhaps he would be better, his mind clearer, after the night's rest, but the stranger doubted it. It did n't make so much difference anyway, he concluded, for Peters was within three days' ride of Goldfield, and once there he could regain his strength. As for the stranger, he was just going out. He had staked all on this prospecting trip. He was n't used to going broke. To return meant disaster for him. He must push on, he must make a strike. He had an idea where he could do it. He had heard rumors and had verified some of them. He knew of a certain wealthy ledge that would make him rich beyond all dreams. But the horse—?

He could n't go on with the horse; the animal would n't be able to stand the travel of a day. And there was Peters' mount, resting comfortably, sound in wind,

which had needed nothing but water to put new strength into his body. He glanced over at Peters, sleeping soundly The horse was not more than twenty yards away, the stranger's pack beside it. Would he dare? It meant everything for him to go on!

He arose quietly, looked at Peters again, then crept slowly away. The bridle of the horse was hanging about its neck. The stranger gave the animal the bit, then led it around the ridge of rock. He returned in a moment, picked up his pack and the blanket, and carried them away. Behind the rocks he put his own saddle on the horse's back, adjusted the pack, mounted, and rode away into the night.

Just before the sun appeared, Peters awakened. Rubbing his sore eyes, he turned to look for his companion of the night. He was gone! Peters got up on his feet and walked unsteadily up to the rocks. There lay his pack upon the ground, where he had left it. His saddle was there, too, and to one side the stranger's horse moaned with pain. There was no doubt about it—the stranger was gone, and Peters' horse was gone with him.

"Th' damn snake," said Peters, slowly. "An' he et my grub!"



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He rode away into the night.

Peters was not a man to show emotion. His opinion of the stranger was contained in those words. The next thing was for him to see how he stood. He quenched his thirst at the hole, and turned to examine the other horse. He did not need to examine long. He gave one look at the animal's leg, then pulled his gun and put it out of its misery.

As the sun became hotter, Peters ate some food, packed the rest into as compact a mass as possible, put it upon his back and started out. Before him lay a limitless stretch of burning sand, tinted with the colors of the rainbow, and at the end of the stretch, miles and miles away, was Goldfield. That much Peters realized. The rest of the truth he refused to consider. He had one thing to do—get to the town.

His hot head hung low, his back bent beneath the weight of the pack. Down from his forehead to his waist the perspiration poured, a never-ending stream. The sand and rock were hot beneath his feet. His eyes narrowed as the heat increased, and pains shot from them through his head. He trudged onward, fearing to stop. His legs ached and he



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"Th' damn snake!"

staggered as he walked. His teeth were sunk deep in his swollen lips.

An hour after mid-day, while climbing a ledge of rock, he fell. Before he arose to continue the journey he lightened the pack, throwing away everything but the food. His actions were mechanical; he realized nothing except that he was keeping to the trail, that, at the end of it, was Goldfield. He tried to remember how far it was to the next water-hole. Not being able to do so readily he abandoned the question. He had a vague idea that he would reach it by night-fall and sleep there. He'd show the man who had stolen his horse! He did n't need a horse to get to Goldfield! He was no tenderfoot! Goldfield! Gold! And then the delirium began!

What was he out there for, anyway? He wanted gold! He had come out to find it and go back and tell what a strike he had made. It was gold he wanted—gold! Perhaps he was passing it now. Perhaps it was in this sand, this rock. He examined carefully the ledge he was passing at the time. It looked good. Perhaps the gold was there! He did n't have to hurry to Goldfield, he reasoned. He would take time to inspect the ledge.

In a moment he had slipped the pack from his back. Then he remembered that he had thrown his prospecting tools away. What a fool he had been to do that! Where had he thrown them, now? He remembered. He must have been out of his mind, he told himself. He would go back and get them; and he would leave the pack by the ledge until he returned. He did n't intend to carry that pack all over the desert. There was n't any sense in that!

Back along the trail he hurried, walking as swiftly as his aching legs would permit. He laughed to himself gleefully. How surprised the people in Goldfield would be when they heard of his strike! He'd show them he was n't a tenderfoot! He'd buy out the town and give all the boys a good time. He'd go to Reno and paint that town a brilliant red! He did n't feel the pain in his head so badly now; but he could n't see very well. He'd go to the best doctor in the state and have those eyes fixed, when he got the gold! It was silly to have sore eyes!

Where had he left those tools, he wondered. He knew he had thrown them aside when he fell, that they were somewhere along the trail. He ought to have reached them by now. He was three hundred yards to the right of the trail, but he did n't know.

Presently he felt tired. He decided to sit down on a rock and rest. There really was no hurry. The gold was there; and no one else knew about it. He could get it when he got ready. He did n't have to break his back walking so fast. He'd do just as he liked; people with lots of gold could always do that.

There was a soft breeze blowing—as hot as the desert itself. It whispered among the crags and shifted the sand with a rustling sound. He listened to it, he mocked it, he made grimaces at the moving sand. It was trying to sing a song, he told himself; fancy, sand trying to sing a song. Yet it was a pleasant song. He remembered that once there had been a mother who sang songs. That seemed years and years ago. And now here was the sand singing another song—like another mother. He listened attentively. He mocked the sand again. Then he began to think. He had a right to expect a mother-song from the sand! Was he not the desert's son?

A sudden gust of wind swept the sand in eddies about him. He grew dizzy watching it. His eyes closed; his body swayed. He fell from the rock, full-length on the shifting sand.

When he awoke the stars were shining, and it was cooler. He tried to remember where he had been going. He decided that he had been hunting the snake who had stolen his horse. He took his revolver from the bolster, whirled the cylinder, and slipped it back. Wait until he met the snake! He'd teach him not to steal horses! Where had the snake gone, he wondered.

He stooped to pick up his blanket. There was no blanket! What a fool he had been to sleep without it! Well, he would n't spend time thinking about it now. He would find the snake.

He started across the sand, away from the trail. He looked up at the stars. They were blinking at him! They did n't have any right to do that! It had n't ought to be night anyway; it ought to be day! Where was that snake? Perhaps he was behind that crag! Out came the revolver again, and he crept around the crag slowly, watching closely for the snake's appearance. But there was no snake there! Of course not! Snakes did n't sleep when the stars were shining. They were awake then, and stealing horses!

He wandered until the sun arose and beat down upon him mercilessly. Then he remembered the gold. Where was that ledge he had found? He would have to search for it. He did n't want anyone else to find it. It was his;



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The sand swept about him.

he had found it first! He'd have lots of fun with that gold. He'd go back east and find his mother, and buy her lots of things. He'd ask her to sing to him again. He'd tell her how the sand tried to sing. Together they would laugh about the sand.

He stopped. The sand was singing again now. Foolish sand! He kicked at it fiercely. He mocked it again, sticking his tongue between his parched lips and making faces at it. Did n't the sand have any better sense? It could n't sing! He had thought it could once. He had been wooed by its song and had left everything behind to go into the desert and be with the sand and look for the gold.

There was that gold again! Where was the ledge? What had become of it? Ledges did n't get up in the night and walk away—they did n't steal horses like snakes! He'd find that snake and he'd find that ledge, and then he would go home to his mother. He ought to have gone long before, he thought. Perhaps she had been waiting for him.

As the hours passed and the day became hotter, he felt hungry. He tried to remember where he had left his provisions, and could not. It did n't matter, he told himself. When he got to Goldfield he would find plenty of provisions there. But he could n't go until he found the gold. They would n't be able to say that Peters returned without it. Where was that ledge? Why could n't he find it?

And the sand was singing again! Did n't the sand know it could n't sing? Only mothers could sing!—What was that he saw? Why, it was a man on a horse! It was the snake! Now he'd fix him!

He laughed like a man without a soul. He stepped behind the rocks and stood partly hidden, watching the advancing horseman with flashing eyes. The revolver came out of the holster again, and Peters whirled the cylinder and looked to see that it was loaded and laughed again, fiendishly. He would show that snake! It was n't the snake, but Peters did not know. It was another prospector, returning in triumph to Goldfield, laden with proof of the desert's goodness to men.

Peters planned as the prospector approached. He knew just how he would do it. He would wait until the snake was between him and that ledge of rock. Then he would fire. He'd teach that snake! It was but thirty paces to the ledge. The snake would be within twenty—he could n't escape!

Peters became impatient as the horseman neared the spot. He stepped from behind the protecting rocks, the revolver in his hand. Staggering, reeling, crouched like a beast of prey for a spring, he made his way forward. As the horseman neared the ledge his eyes caught the sudden flash of the sun on steel. The horseman reached quickly for his gun.

"I'll show ye how to steal, ye damn snake!" cried Peters. "I'il show ye—"

The revolver spoke with a crack. The bullet passed behind the horseman and buried it elf in the ledge of rock. The stranger threw himself to the ground on the side away from Peters. The muzzle of his gun poised a moment in the air, then dropped quickly on a line with Peters' head. Crack! Peters was saved by a sudden stagger.

"I'll show ye—" he cried.

He pulled the trigger again, but the shot went wild. Then the prospector got in a shot lower to the ground. Peters sank in a little, mournful heap on the sand, and a trickle of blood gave another color to the painted desert. His revolver was still clasped in a nerveless, out-stretched hand.

The prospector ran forward quickly and turned the wounded man over on his back.

"Why, it's Peters!" he exclaimed. "Bill Peters! Bill! Bill! Don't ye know me? It's Tom Elson—Bill! Wake up! Ye ain't hurt bad! It's yer shoulder I aimed at, man! Look at me, Bill! What?"

"Sand can't sing," said Peters, weakly, "only mothers—can sing."

"Nutty wid th' heat," muttered Elson. He looked down at Peters again, stooped, tore away the wounded man's shirt. It was n't a bad wound, but it was serious when one considered Peters' condition and the heat. Elson dressed it crudely, bandaged it with remnants of the shirt.

"Come on, Bill," he said. "Cheer up, Bill! Ye'll be all right. I'm sorry I hed to do it, Bill, but ye'd got me if I had n't! Come on, git up, Bill! I'm going to help ye."

"Th' snake stole m' horse," said Peters, without opening his eyes.

"That's all right, Bill. We'll get another horse. I jus' made a strike, Bill, an' she's half yours 'cause I plugged ye. I got to git ye outen this, Bill. But ye'll hev to give me some help. God, Bill, ye ain't no light baby!"

He placed an arm about Peters' waist, helped the wounded man to his feet. Then he led him toward the horse. In the shade of the ledge he sat him down. Peters was murmuring again.

"Only mothers c'n sing—only mothers—"

He did not think of the snake now; he was beyond malice. The shock of the bullet and the lost blood had made him weaker than before. Dimly he realized that Elson was throwing his pack and his tools from the horse, retaining only the proof of his strike. He tried to get upon his feet.

"That's right, Bill," cried Elson. "Ye've got spunk, all right. But be careful; don't try to do too much. Ye don't want—"

His utterances were cut short by Peters' sudden cry. With bent body and outstretched hands the wounded man was hurrying to the bullet-smitten ledge.

"Th' gold!" he cried. "I knew I'd git it! I knew—"

Then he fell, senseless, but with the ghost of a smile on his wan, swollen lips.



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"I'll show you!"

Elson ran to his side.

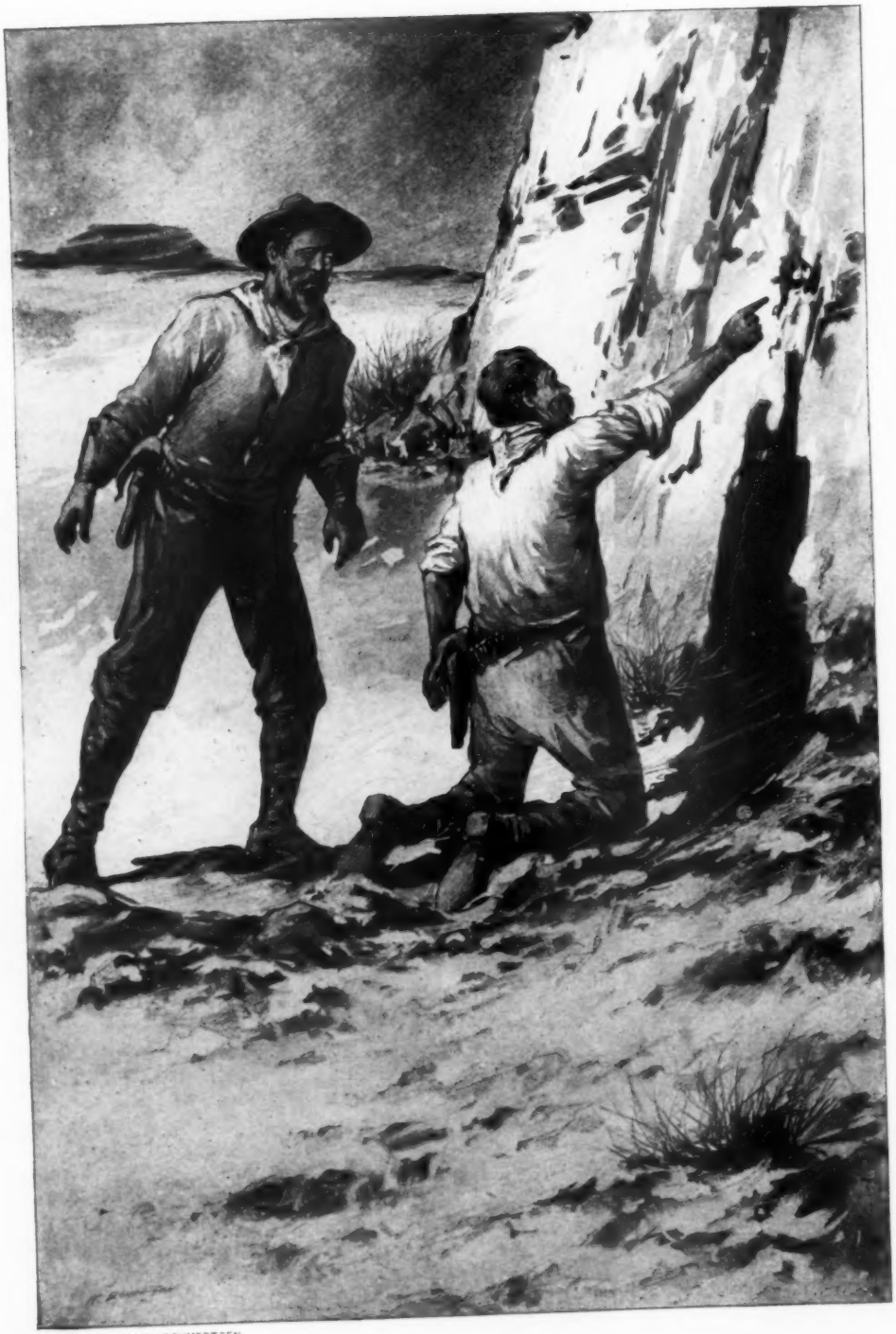
"Th' poor devil," he muttered. "Nutty—plumb nutty."

His eyes followed Peters' out-stretched arms, he looked across the sand, glanced at where the bullet had struck the ledge.

"Hell!" he cried, suddenly, and springing to his feet he stepped over Peters' body and tore passionately at the rock with his bare hands. His eyes bulged; he cried out in delight.—"A strike!" he screamed, "a strike! Gar, but she's rich!" He glanced at Peters again. "Dead man's luck," he murmured, superstitiously. Then his manner changed. "It's no dead man's luck this time!" he cried. "B'Gar, I'll git him to Goldfield. He c'n not die wid luck like this. He's got it comin' to him, all right."

He sprang to the horse again, and spread the blanket in ample folds over the front of the saddle. It was many miles to Goldfield—three days' ride if one stopped to rest at night. But Elson did not intend to stop, unless the horse gave out.

When he had finished with the blanket, he took a scrap of paper from his pocket. After a search he found a piece of pencil. With this he scrawled certain words on the paper. Then, near where Peters lay, he



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"A strike!" he screamed

made a pile of rocks, marked off a certain number of paces to the right and made another pile, and then arranged two more at proper distances. As well as he could, he covered with sand and stone the place where the the rich vein had been exposed. He read the paper again, and fastened it firmly in the first pile of rocks. It bore this legend: "This is the Wandering Boy claim, located by one Bill Peters. If anybody transgresses on it they want to sleep with their decks cleared for action."

Elson smiled as he cached the paper away. "Wandering Boy" held a double meaning for him in the light of recent events. He turned to the sterner task awaiting him. Peters was lying as he had fallen. Elson turned him over and forced some liquor between his swollen lips.

"Come on, Bill," he said. "We've got to hurry. It's a long trip, an' this sun ain't doin' ye any good."

He got him upon his feet and led him toward the horse.

"Now up wid ye, Bill! Aw! wake up and help yerself. Come on, Bill, ye ain't dead yet. Ye'll live to make this ride an' tell yer story. Yer rich, Bill. Come on an' help yerself some. I can't lift ye in th' saddle, man!"

He got Peters' foot into the stirrup and boosted him. Peters collapsed on the horse's neck. Elson mounted, lifted the wounded man to an upright position and made him as comfortable as possible.

"Ye better hev some more licker," Elson said. "It's a long ride, Bill, a long ride. But we've got to make it."

Slowly Peters opened his eyes and regarded Elson with astonishment. The delirium had passed and he was in his right mind, able to realize that he was very sick, and a wounded man.

"Whatcher — whatcher — doin'?" he asked feebly.

"We 're goin' t' ride t' Goldfield," answered Elson "an' we 're goin' to ride like hell!"

Don't You Remember?

BY GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND

I

You first fell in love when you were ten years of age; when I say "love," I mean a blinding, dizzying agony of worship, self-consciousness, fear and infatuation, the like of which there are no words to tell. You were ten, a little spindle-shanked monster with projecting ears and mouse-colored hair; you were addicted to marbles when the sidewalks began to grow muddy in March; you made tracks, in winter, and slid down them, or delighted in "tiddledy-benders;" you played "scrub" on the old tennis-courts in summer; you pined for miscellaneous deviltry at all seasons. On Saturday you liked to storm Morrison's barn, or defend it, Ivanhoe-fashion; evenings it was prisoner's base or hide-an'-seek in Rogers' yard. Occasionally you varied all this by fighting after school, at the end of Ashford Street, where the houses thinned out and a little sickly brook ran through a raw field. Then you and Eddie Parker or Tommy Nelligan or some other young "champeens" got together with a swarm of backers and hammered away at random till real blood flowed. You also got licked at home for fighting, licked with a black walnut ruler inlaid with stars made out of the original Charter Oak. Why history writers put that odious old tree into books you never could understand; but then, it was only one more piece of grown-up idiocy. The ruler stung shockingly and you danced and hollered. Your hands got as red as fire.

"I won't, I won't! Won't never, never fight again (whack!) Ow! Ow-w-w-w! O-o-o-o-o! Aw, quit, why doncher when I say I won't never, never (whack!!) Oo-o-o-oo!—"

"Now the other hand!"

It was just barbaric. You figured out all sorts of things you were going to do to get even, when you grew big—and first of all you were going to make 'way with that ruler. Oh, my, it was simply astonishing the things you were going to do to it!

Somehow, it is in the family still, stars and all; it lies on your desk this minute. Pieces of the real Charter Oak—no, you can't afford to splinter those with dull hatchets, as you used to plan. Besides, it's sometimes useful in little sessions you hold with your eldest son. Besides, again, you 're rather grateful to it, now, because it kept you from fighting, once on a time, and thereby preserved your nose. Kept you from fighting, that is, until Bub Cook dared you knock a teeny, weeny little chip off his shoulder, or Ally Arnold gave you what was technically known as a "coward-blow." At such crises, somehow, the ruler was always forgotten; you rushed on fate again at the end of Ashford Street, and so on, *da capo*. For you were nothing but a little boy, a young American, one of a million, and so you remained until she came.

She—she was nine and her name was Blanche Heath; she had two blonde pigtails and wore a calico dress all figured over with little sprigs of violets; her father ran a drug store in the village. Such, at least, are the salient facts as you perceive them down the rather dim corridors of time. What she seemed to you in those far days you really cannot tell, since any analysis or critical observation would then have been sheer sacrilege. Memory furnishes items of pinkish cheeks, bluish eyes with slightly reddened lids, waxen locks and brilliant clothing with an occasional flutter of machine-made lace at the knee, stubby boots, and coarse brown stockings; you feel it is but just and right she should have dazzled you. When she pegged stodgily into the school-room—and you always went early so that you might watch her enter—the whole world seemed to tremble and then stand still; you wondered that no one else noticed any unusual convulsion of nature. In study hours, even though she sat behind you, you seemed to have gimlet holes bored in the back of your head to peek at her out of. You were as good as pie, a regular little-Willie, till some of the boys began to call you "Teacher's pet." Had it not been for her you most certainly would have fought, for only blood can wipe away that epithet. You let it pass, however, for her sake; you stopped your whispering in school and your rude jests at recess; you sat at "attention," even when teacher's back was turned.

From the first day that she entered your grade you were a changed boy. Your one-time unwashed hands became chapped and cracked through much scrubbing with kitchen soap; your boots grew shiny; your big red necktie twined in fantastic knots; even your hair received surreptitious oilings, a few times, till parental sniffs and investigations put an end to that. The fights stopped, and the marble-playing with subsequent muddy knees; the barn-stormings and the rude, unmannerly games were no more. Instead of rushing out through the subway-like exit of the school, hollering and screaming with the other boys like a crazy demon in a fit, you took unto yourself the habit of marching forth sedately and crossing over to stand in front of Heath's drug store where you could see Blanche pass or mayhap enter. But the funny part of it was that when she really came, her arms entwined with other (totally-despised) girls, you did not see her at all. No, your attention was wholly occupied with a minute inspection of the big glass bottles of colored water or with greeting loudly some fellow on t'other side of the street. Your words were big and brave, yet somehow Blanche never took the slightest notice of them. Even though you talked openly of important matters, mentioned the fact that you had a horse-hair in a bottle of water, which hair was manifestly turning into a worm—even though you got in with the tough boys that lived near the *abattoir*, swaggered a little like MacLane, who was known to smoke cigarets and who killed rats with a terrier, you never seemed to make any impression on the cruel fair. Possibly other gingham hearts in the sixth grade pined and drooped and faded for you, but you neither knew nor cared, for hers was as ice and of your knightly love she wotted not.

Your greatest comfort was the drug store, for here at least you had something definite and tangible to lay hold on. You never really and truly believed it was a drug store at all, like other stores, though the stout man who claimed to be her father was visibly to be seen within, mixing drugs



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"Wot yer 'fraid of? Ain't we engaged?"

and rolling pills—claimed to be her father, I say, because you knew he really and truly could n't be; that was preposterous on the face of it. Yet everything seemed natural enough, too; the store and the bottles were like any others, and people used to go in and out, perfectly at ease, as if there were nothing in any way remarkable about the affair. So, although you never took much stock in the reality of things, you were thankful for the comfort and support those bottles and that store gave you in your fathomless sea of trembling adoration.

II

So you worshiped, throbbed, palpitated at a distance for an interminable period—as much as five or six weeks—and then finally something happened, something so wondrous and beautiful and ecstatic that you ran home with trembling legs, hid in your room to think it all over and protested that you did n't want any supper even when brother Paul came up with blandishments and railleries. That night you lay awake with throbbing, burning brain, till long after 8 o'clock, turning the matter carefully in your mind and trying to draw conclusions from it—now torn with fear lest the mirage should suddenly dissipate, leaving only barrens and desert; now raised and floating on the most dizzying waves of hope and joy. And through it all rang and sang and echoed the words that had caused all the inner turmoil—her words, the first that any woman had ever flattered you with, the first praise, the first compliment, the first intoxicating bliss of

life. Even now, though you pay taxes, have a wife and certain olive-branches, you remember those words and they are passing sweet. Then, when that nine-year-old goddess uttered them and when you got them at third hand, they were words of diamonds, set on a background of pure gold. For she had told Kitty Nelligan, who had told Tommy Ashley, who had told you, all in the very strictest confidence, that she thought you were "A very pretty boy!" Joy, joy! Raptures to the *n'th!* You could write pages about it, even yet, but Peace, heart! Peace, soul! Stir not up again the storm and welter of that old madness! "A very pretty boy!" Elijah never caught more glorified visions from his fiery chariot than did you, that night, until a great weariness o'er came you and sleep stole away the dazzling wonder.

Next day you suffered acutely, and the day after, and many days, but it was sweet suffering which you would n't have foregone for worlds. And oh, the part you played! The chilling indifference, the open scorn—the secret scrubbings, scourings, shinings! Lord knows you would have gladly thrown yourself at those stubby feet and poured forth your love in a rapture of words, carefully culled from the Fifth Reader, but that was utterly impossible. To woo openly was taboo—a rampant violation of the boy-code. The intricate, unwritten law which governs little people held you like a fly in a spider-web; you would as soon have reached for the sun as have approached her now.

Yet your heart was flaming, under your horse-shoe-dotted waist, and you felt that you must act or die. Die! That rather pleased you, on the whole, the idea of a well-carried-out suicide in the wood-shed, but you dismissed it on reflecting that remains are apt to look somewhat untidy and that possibly Blanche might not cry enough to pay you for the bother of a painful end. Other and easier methods recommended themselves. No, your love should not pour itself out in blood, neither should the banalities of pickled limes and chocolates sully it—especially as Blanche had free access to the store supplies and you felt your finances were incapable of competing with Mr. Heath's liberality. Rather should art and literature convey the message, chastely, and with anonymous dignity. Your way was clear, your course of action plainly to be discerned.

In the dinning-room at home, the Powers had seen fit to hang a crayon picture of three little boys without any bodies, lying over a sort of railing and embellished with woolly clouds all 'round. You heard people call them Cherubs or something of that sort, and say that Raffy L. painted them. There was a fellow named Rafferty at school, but Raffy L. was one too many for you—"some blame Guiney, I betcha!" No matter; the cherubs looked rather spiritual and detached from earthly vanities, not going down any further than the neck. "Huh, I'd like to be that way," you told yourself, "when ma's comin' with that danged old ruler!" Those little pin-feathery wings would be great in winter, too—better than ear-caps! But when it was pie-time, well, the advantages of cherub-hood looked rather doubtful. No matter—the cherubs were pure and fair and not of earth, earthy. So you called them in to serve you and to bear your message to Blanche, that creature of light and beauty. And you brought home your school box of crayons, also a five-cent pad, purchased with delicate tact at the Heath drug store. The thought that possibly your very nickel might find its way into her hand was unutterably sweet.

Then you copied the cherubs. It took the better part of a week, with about a million rubbings-out and changes, but at last the perfect work greeted your eyes, a trifle staring and woodeny, you admitted, but still recognizable, and all shaded with a rubber, the way teacher said you must *not* shade. You had made the clouds considerably woolier than the original, which was a very decided improvement. On the whole, you felt that your cherubs were a very close second to Raffy L's.

Next day she found them in her desk. You never looked 'round, but the gimlet-holes in the back of your head told you all; your projecting ears stretched out further still to catch the gigglings, the whisperings, and the rustlings as your drawing passed back and forth among the girls. That night, standing in front of the store, you waited for her coming with throbs and thrills.

Lo! She is approaching, the adored; she is drawing nigh, convoyed by two little girls. Dante, watching Beatrice escorted by her ladies, never suffered sweeter pain. Now she is very close; now she is here!

Now she is past. Noses in air, the three sail by. Your heart falls; you even feel a moisture on your forehead which you hope is cold perspiration and which might be were it not very warm, the day being a hot one in May. All hope is lost; she has not spoken! All? Not so! Just as she turns the corner she makes a diabolic face at you, squinting up both eyes and sticking out her tongue. Then she disappears. You stand rooted to the spot (you tell yourself) with terrible joy; suddenly Mark Rogers hails you from across the street, and you, with Indian whoops and bounds, rejoin him and make off to a barn-storming, the first in many weeks. The sun of human happiness rises to no higher zenith than at that glad moment and all the rest of the ineffable day. "Your strength is as the strength of ten;" you run faster than any other boy, yell louder, jump from higher up the cherry-tree and plan more fiendishly elaborate tortures for your captives in war—all because she has made a hideous face at you and stuck out that little red tongue.



Your hair received oilings a few times.

Your courtship proceeded admirably, from that moment. On the next morning she spoke to you for the first time, yes,



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You handed it to her one Friday in the cloak room.

with real, actual words: "Hello, Philip!" and you choked and answered, "Hello, Blanche!" and felt very hot and red-faced. The following day your conversation expanded into a bit of repartee.

"Hello, Phil!" (Phil, mind you, not Philip!)

"Hello, Blanche!"

"You think you 're a great drawer, don't you?"

"Well, ain't I?"

"Huh!"

"I can draw a house!"

"Honest Injun!"

"Yep! You want me to?"

"I don't care!"

With a flirt of her pigtails she was gone. The thrills were less acute, this time, but still poignant. Assuredly, here was something new under the sun, better than kites, marbles, or hunting for wood-chucks in Pratt's meadows, where wood-chucks had been extinct this many a long year. You felt suddenly that boyhood was dropping away from you; it was with a certain fine scorn that you beheld your friends making off to Babcock's woods that afternoon to look for chestnuts. Once you would have been in the van of that excursion; now you stayed behind to cultivate the arts and ponder on your thirsty, unquenched, love.

You rummaged out an old book with a pretty house in it, standing amid tall trees, and that, too, you copied, line for line. On the morrow the gift changed hands, and the news spread over the school that "Phil Brown is stuck on Blanche Heath." Very shortly this information began to crop out in scraggly chalk letters on blank walls and the sides of barns. Initials also appeared, woven with hearts. In Man's Land such announcements bring pride, joy, congratulations; in Boy's Land they mean disgrace and shame and bloody noses. Is not this atavism, the boy-code? Do not the primal fighting instincts of our race assert themselves at the age when men and women are only calves and little blue-eyed heifers?

Pshaw! What did you know of instinct or atavism? You knew only that you waited an hour for her at the corner so that you might say "Hello, Blanche!" You knew only that to walk half a block with her more than repaid you for missing an afternoon in the woods or at the swimming-hole; that you were held by the other boys in scorn and contumely; that everything in the universe was upside down and inside out; that you suffered, yet were glad, that love was torment, yet ecstatic bliss.

III

So the days wore on until June came and the earth was very green, the sky as blue as robins'-eggs, the whole of Nature beautiful and kind. Then it was that Blanche and you were ceremonially betrothed with a marble, a tin tobacco-box and a solemn writing, as shortly will appear. Truth be, you engineered the ceremony, she being of less imagination, well satisfied with pickles wrapped up in dripping brown-paper and certain candies whereon were rings the color of gold, set with sparkling gems. No matter—your love could overlook such feminine frailties; she condescended to share your ritual, which was enough for you, without analysis. So you took the tin box and the marble—a splendid moss-agate—and a sheet of your best drawing-paper; with her you carried them all to that raw meadow where the sickly brook ran and where you had so often fought and bled. Here, beside a giant boulder of granite your vows were spoken, your everlasting troth was plighted.

Beside the boulder you first dug a deep, deep grave, maybe ten or twelve inches deep; then she inscribed her name on the paper in a trembling scrawl and you wrote yours, drawing a big heart around them both; the marble you both kissed, promising to be forever faithful each to each until death or parents or some other equally inevitable c a l a m i t y should you part.

"Why don't you kiss it good, Blanche? Aw, that ain't half a kiss!"

" 'Tis too! Besides, your old agate's all muddy!"

" 'Tain't neither! That's only a teenty weenty little spot! Here, lemme rub it off on my han'k'chief! Now it's all right, see?"

"Well, gimme it! There—is that enough? (Peck! Peck!) Now what you want me to do?"

"I'm going to bury it now. Lay it in the box—now put the paper in too. Here, I'll put the cover on!"

Reverently, almost tearfully, you laid the box in the grave and covered it with earth which you "stomped" down. Then you placed a big stone on top of all, to keep the secret inviolate eternally.

"Now—kiss me!" Your voice trembled and your knees shook, but your purpose was firmer than adamant.

"Aw—I'm 'fraid!"

"Wotcher 'fraid of? Ain't we engaged? Don't engaged people always kiss each other?"

"Ye-e-es—but! I'm scared folks will find out! You can kiss me if you want to, but I just ain't goin' to kiss you, so there!"

In vain you pleaded; if you were adamant she was diamond. Like a true



DRAWN BY MAGINEL WRIGHT ENRIGHT

"You 're a nice one, you are."



DRAWN BY MAGINEL WRIGHT ENRIGHT

You found yourself, in one day, a poet.

woman she won the argument; you had to content yourself with one kiss on her pinkish cheek—a cold, ceremonial kiss as befitted such an occasion—the first and last, though little you thought it at the time. Hand in hand you retraced your steps through the field to where the houses began; she said nothing, but you hummed the old Sunday-school hymn:

> He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
> By His own hand He leadeth me;
> His faithful follower I would be
> For by His hand He leadeth me. . .

IV

Such was the burial of your love-tokens before the love itself was dead. Dead? Did your love die, like every other thing? Aye, that it did, and speedily—a violent, bitter death—a murder if ever there was one! A murder, and with ridicule, guffaws, coarse, brutal witticism. The lynching of a nun would have been less ghoulish than the slaughter of that blameless passion. Heaven and earth shall pass away but the bitterness of that crude killing shall be never quite forgotten.

Poesy was the innocent cause of the killing, poesy, in this wise. After your betrothal, art and conversation seemed suddenly to become inadequate for the expression of your flame, and you burst into song. It was really a burst—almost an explosion—it deluged the fair one with literary gems just as sometimes people are deluged with water when a hose bursts, or a hydrant. Up to that time you had written nothing except copy-book phrases of rare moral tone and excessive dullness, twelve times on a page. But now, Song touched your lips and you found yourself, in one day, a poet! Song touched your lips; straightway with a school-pencil on the most execrable lined paper you traced burning lyrics and impassioned odes. Nearly all these gems have reverted to the primal night; but two or three still linger, jammed away in memory's pockets, like tourmalines in feldspar. One, which you left in her desk and which she handed around with impartial liberality, asked this throbbing question, uttered this dark threat:

Question to Blanche

> Oh, why are you so cruel?
> Oh, why are you, I say?
> I'll starve myself with gruel
> If you don't let up today!

Another, of Swinburnian type, declared that

> Blanche is pretty like a rose,
> With red cheeks and a white nose.
> I like to mete
> Her on the street.
> She looks best in her Sunday clothes.

You handed this to her one memorable Friday after school, sliding it timidly into her hand in the cloak-room where the bustle and flurry hid your perturbation. You were a little shaky about the last rhyme, which, in spite of a great deal of effort, would n't seem to come out right. She, however, never seemed to mind, but gave you courteous smiles and gracious thanks. You hoped your works of genius impressed her properly; you felt sure, at least, that she must palpitate with pleasure at such blistering praise as this:

> Oh, Blanche, I kno that in the world
> Ther is not eny prettyer girl!
> Nobudy is so very sweet.
> Nobudy has such plump feet!
> Nobudy has such blue
> Eyes, and nobudy is so true!

After she had received this treasure, hidden between the leaves of a physiology wherein funny-looking men without any skins stood in graceful attitudes to show their pretty white nerves sprangling all over their backs, you felt that your status was assured. You knew that you were *arrivé*, and you wrote no more verses but settled back to bask in the favor of your goddess and worship there forever and ever—or at least—until school closed in the last week of June.

Woe, woe and weakness of all human calculations! Alack for the plans of men that do "gang aft agley!" Fate seemed to smile and Love rain roses; but Nemesis willed otherwise, and with a chilling breath frosted all your garden of bliss. One night—a chilly night, you remember even yet—you were awakened from slumber in your little iron bed by sounds of revelry and mirth down-stairs, where stupid elder folk, both of the family and visitors, were wont at most unearthly hours

> . . . to sit and talk and sing
> and never play at anything

save chess or whist or some such tedious fol-de-rol. Yes, you heard shrieks and gusts of laughter, foolish, idle laughter, then a low, mumbling voice, then more shrieks. Your father's voice rose above the others: "That boy will certainly be the death of me yet!" And sister, good kind sister whom you loved and trusted so, what was she saying? "Now if that is n't precocious, I'd like to know what is?"



DRAWN BY MAGINEL WRIGHT ENRIGHT

Your skin was creepy.

"A regular *enfant terrible*, eh?" It was Mrs. Heath who spoke, and mother answered:

"He's only eleven, too—would you believe it?"

Then the low voice began again—Mr. Heath's voice:

"Here, listen to this one—here's a choice bit!

Oh, why are you so cruel?
Oh, why are you, I say? . . ."

With one bound you were out on the floor, wide awake and tingling with a terrible fear; your skin was creepy, your hair rose up, and the blood hummed in your ears. You knew perfectly well what it was all about, you understood everything—the agony of the condemned man is trival beside that first annihilating draught of ridicule and shame.

Mr. Heath finished the verse, and new, barbarous laughter rose up hyena-like to blast your ears. The Hindu seeing his clay Buddha crushed under Tommy Atkin's heel, the good Orthodox confronted with a complete set of Ingersoll is less mangled in all that the soul holds dear and sacred than were you, standing there by the bed-room door in your canton-flannel nighty, hearing the choicest outpourings of your love guffawed and hawhawed over by a parcel of coarse-grained, ghoulish vandals. Sweating with shame and rage you crept back to your bed, crawled 'way down into it and covered your head over with the blankets, but not before Heath's repulsive voice croaked mockingly:

"Calf-love, Brown, calf-love! It's got to come out, like measles, and until it does . . . !"

Then the bed-clothes swallowed you and you heard no more; the tears came, the blessed tears; you cried and cried and cried. Then, after a long time, you blurred off into sleep and troubled dreams seized you, due to slumbering with your head covered up—dreams that led you far afield through difficult paths till someone thumped you and it was morning and brother Paul was trying to get you up for breakfast.

Breakfast! After that? The very thought was nausea! No, you never want to live through another meal of that sort, a meal garnished with barbed innuendoes, eaten with downcast face and shame-burnt cheeks. You bolted everything at random and rushed away to school, but that was even worse, for you fancied everyone was looking at you and pointing the finger of scorn. A few people did smile significantly, for news flies fast in villages; but worse was yet to come. Blanche, herself, drew near; her head, too, was hanging. Oh infinite agony—through you the best-be-loved had been brought to shame! Your legs trembled and your tongue felt parched; you could n't have spoken to her for worlds, or she to you. Jen Underwood, however, whom once upon a time you had slighted, suffered from no such reticence.

"You 're a nice one, you are!" she hailed, shrilly, pointing a sharp forefinger and grimacing horribly.

"Whatcher mean?"

"Aw, you know! You'd oughter be ashamed!"

"Ashamed o' what?"

"'Oh, why are you so cruel? Oh why are you, I say?'" she chanted mockingly. You remained rooted, with clenched fists. "Oh my, how I wisht she was a boy!" you growled savagely. "I'd—I'd—!"

The next was a boy—Eddie Parker, traditional foe.

"*Na-na-nananaaaa*!" He too pointed, sticking out a slanderous tongue. Freckles and the lack of teeth made Eddy far from beautiful and no one had ever dared to call him good.

You sallied out against him.

"*Na-na-nanaaa* yourself, an' see how you like it!"

"'Oh, why are you so cruel, oh—'"

You rushed him—your strength this time was as the strength of twenty, and the fur began to fly. It flew so excessively that teacher had to drag you off the bleeding little monster before murder should be done. That fight, at least, turned out differently from the Ashford Street ones. After school, when you had interviewed the Charter Oak, you were sent to solitary imprisonment in the attic. Next day you were confined to the yard. It proved a grateful incarceration, since, being a parental command, it relieved you of the onus of skulking and at the same time let affairs settle in the outer world. So speedily did they settle that when you regained your liberty the new scandal of Frank Lapham's having stolen the school drawing-pencils had quite obliterated your disgrace. You found also, to your surprise, that your love had not only died but had got itself decently buried, all in space of two days. The pinkish cheeks, waxen pig-tails, and violet-sprigged dress no

longer fascinated you; they caused you, rather, a distinct feeling of *ennui* and discomfort. Like most calves, your love had been slaughtered in its infancy; and oh, how very very dead it was!

She grew up to marry a man named Smith—and this is gospel truth—thereby losing her identity and acquiring a family. You have also acquired certain olive-branches, *plus* taxes, *plus* rotundity; yet somehow when the spring is stirring and the sky is the color of robins' eggs, you wonder what of that tin box, what of the screed and marble buried beside the big rock down at the end of Ashford Street. Have the cellar-digging vandals destroyed them all, with the growth of the town, or do they still lie there in darkness, dreaming of that long-dead June and of all the things which might have been, but were not? The box and the paper have probably long since reverted to their elements, but somewhere in this world the agate still bears the kiss of Blanche and you. Calf-love! . . . and now you are such very tough old beef! Calf-love, that made her a princess, her father a king, and the old brick drug store a crystal palace, at the very least! Calf-love! Are you quite, quite sure, even to this day, that it was a drug store after all, or that Blanche was only a little pink-cheeked school-girl in the sixth grade?

An Interview With Genius

BY CHARLES GLEIG

He was seated upon a bench, listening with inscrutable sphinx-like calm to the chatter of a pretty woman beside him. The May sunshine had lured many well-dressed idlers to the promenade upon the yellow cliff; and the invalids, swathed to the chin in shawls or sealskins, shivered petulantly in the shelters provided by a lavish but astute municipality. Below us, the cold gray sea of an English spring splashed ineffectually upon the flat, sandy beach, seeming to woo in vain the disused bathing machines which clustered coyly out of reach of its chill embrace. The weary eyes of the famous novelist wandered from the face of his comely companion to rest for a moment upon the faint outline of a distant headland. His expression was still inscrutable—almost wooden. He took no heed of the people who passed before him, and seemed unconscious of the covert smiles excited by his Bohemian garb. These, it was evident, did not recognize Mark Maturin, but I did so at the first glance, and pitied their ignorance.

Everyone of his splendid novels was familiar to me. He was, so far as my critical acumen permitted me to discern, quite our greatest fictionist. In the past I had sought out the reviews of his books as they appeared in the public press almost as eagerly as I had perused, nay, devoured the works themselves. I had on one or two occasions even gone so far in my appreciation of his writing, as to attempt a critique of my own. But recognizing that it's very note was one of adulation, I destroyed it. In a word, Mark Maturin, to me, was the greatest man in England; the one man in England for whose friendship, even for whose acquaintance, I would have given a farthing. How could it be, I asked myself, that he was not generally recognized among the loiterers on the promenade? Men lack ordinary power of discernment, of course, but none the less extraordinary. I have often marveled at this. Indeed, I am of the opinion of a police sargeant, of whom I once read a paragraph in the *Times* to the effect that he had asserted that the most desirable criminal in the world is in the least danger of capture when he openly disports himself. So, after all, it is not perhaps strange that the idlers on the promenade should have passed even so great a man as Mark Maturin blankly by.

True, I had never seen him before, but I was not for an instant doubtful of his identity, for I had seen many portraits of

him in newspapers and magazines. These, as I now decided, scarcely did full justice to his massive, intellectual face. My heart beat quicker as I watched him. My admiration for his genius had almost betrayed me into a breach of good manners. Fortunately he did not notice my eager scrutiny.

From a vacant seat on the adjoining bench I continued to watch my hero with more discreet regard for conventional courtesy. It was a joy to me to be seated within ten yards of him; but, almost for the first time in a blameless, useless life, I deplored the personal obscurity which formed an impassable gulf between us. Sadly I recognized that wealth and social position could be no passports to intimacy with genius. Any fifth-rate newspaperman or fictionmonger had a better chance of taking his hand than I who revered his talents from a remote, Philistine distance. He had long ceased to attend Mayfair dinner-parties and Belgravian "at homes."

Aware of his contempt for class distinctions, it did not surprise me to note that Mark Maturin's pretty companion was quite a middle-class looking person. She was not, however, a relation, as I judged from the restrained gallantry of the novelist and the coquettish vivacity of the girl. Her not ungraceful flattery seemed to amuse him, for more than once he almost smiled. How I envied her those half-smiles.

The departure of an old gentleman seated next to me, gave me a better view of the novelist's profile. I could now feast my eyes upon genius without ostentatious curiosity. The massive brow was partially hidden by a limp clerical hat. He had quite the early Victorian head, rendered the more massive by the long, flaxen back-hair that partially concealed the dinginess of his collar. The nose was short and broad (as in his portraits); the lips full and sensuous, and, even at ten yards' distance, I could detect a three days' growth of beard upon his masterful chin. An ugly man withal, as I had fully expected; but the intellectual power of the face fascinated me. Had I been a woman, I should have worshiped his calm, passionless immobility. It was the face of a man who had plumbed the nethermost depths of human passion, and come forth a god. You will smile at my enthusiasm, but so I felt in watching him.

At length his companion glanced at her watch and rose. The novelist took her hand and held it for a minute and a quarter, the girl making no effort to withdraw it. Cheerfully would I have paid a guinea a minute for the privilege which she accepted gratis. Even Maturin did not earn money so rapidly and easily as he might have done by shaking hands with me. She tripped away at last, and the novelist resumed his seat. He took from the pocket of his loose cloak a small and shabby volume, and began to read. At first he was restless, crossing and uncrossing his long, ungainly legs; but soon he grew absorbed and still. An uncouth bludgeon, which served him as a staff, rested precariously against his knee. I saw my opportunity and waited, breathlessly. In due course the law of gravity asserted itself. Even the sticks of genius are influenced by gravity. The bludgeon fell, but he did not heed it.

"Your stick, sir," I said nervously, as I rushed to pick it up. Slowly he lowered his book and regarded me with impenetrable calm. "Yes, obviously," he said, as he accepted the handle. I laughed heartily at this witticism, and he was not displeased. "Thank you," he added more politely. "Your courtesy forces me to recognize my gray hairs."

"My little courtesy was paid to genius," I stammered. "You have proved in your works that no respect is due to age or sex."

He was momentarily embarrassed, a tinge of color staining his pale cheeks. "You recognize me, I see," he said modestly. "Have we met before?"

"No, but I have the greatest admiration for your genius, Mr. Maturin. All your works are in my modest library and I have read your last book six times over."

"Sir," he said, rather in the style of Dr. Johnson, "I had rather you had bought six copies."

He flashed the smart retort so quickly that I was enchanted by his ready wit. Afterwards I seemed to recall having heard or read something like it before; but I failed to trace the source of this impression, and concluded that he had quoted from himself.

"And so you like my books," he continued graciously, as he motioned me to a seat beside him.

I stammered out a disjointed eulogy.

"You write yourself, perhaps?" he asked.

I had to confess, with shame, to being a mere idler; a member of the class which he had so often severely lashed with his scornful irony.

"Don't let it distress you," he said kindly. "Contempt for the aristocracy is merely my professional pose. I love a lord as much as most Britons, and would even make friends with one, if I dared."

"You are laughing at me, Mr. Maturin?"

"No, I am quite serious. My father was butler to an Irish peer and I am, at heart, an hereditary flunkey. In order to combat my snobbish impulses I am forced to dabble in socialism."

"But your beautiful sympathy with the poor!" I hazarded. "Don't tell me that that is also a pose."

"That is entirely genuine," he answered. "Here comes a blind beggar. Now, I never pass a blind beggar without giving him half-a-crown." He thrust his hand into his pocket, and produced a sovereign. "Hang it! no small change!" he exclaimed, as if provoked and embarrassed.

"I am indeed reproved," said I. "Permit me to lend you some change." He accepted half-a-crown, and, as the beggar passed by, he rose and I heard the coin fall into the man's tin mug. A ragged woman who accompanied the beggar looked into the mug and whined her "God bless you, kind gentleman," without enthusiasm. She seemed to be accustomed to half-crowns.

"She would have said as much for a penny," I remarked cynically.

The novelist eyed me sharply and again I felt reproved.

"One must not count upon gratitude," he said sadly. "I am always surprised if I meet with any."

"Lovers of literature can never pay their debt to you," I murmured. "One feels ashamed to pay so little as four-and-six-pence for your glorious books."

"The sentiment does you credit," he replied, "but it is desirable to place healthy literature within the reach of the upper classes."

Finding me so appreciative he began to speak of his early struggles, of the terrible privations endured so gallantly in the days of undeserved obscurity. His revelations stirred me profoundly. Tears rose to my eyes as he narrated the touching story of his loneliness and poverty in the London slums. He pictured the miserable squalor of the filthy attic in which he wrote his first book; his drunken companions; the caurse food, the scarcity of fuel. He showed how these privations had sapped his strength, retarded his progress, daunted even his indomitable spirit. The book at last completed, how his work had been rejected by a dozen foolish publishers, blind to the splendid genius of a ragged aspirant for fame. "One house," he said, "offered me twenty pounds for the copyright. I refused, though the boots in which I had tramped the streets were shredding from my feet."

"Ah! If I could have met you then!" I exclaimed. "How proud and happy it would have made me to have aided you."

"My pride might have balked you," he smiled. "I was morbidly sensitive at twenty. I like to feel that I have won my success without help from any man."

A newsboy passed our bench and the novelist bought an evening paper. He glanced at the 'winners' and frowned. "My usual luck," he said, "I ought to avoid betting."

"I wonder that the turf has any charm for you," said I.

He did not reply, but handed me the paper.

Glancing carelessly at the "personal" column I caught sight of the great man's name. "They say here that you are still in Italy, and hard at work upon a forthcoming novel of a humorous character."

"Good!" he exclaimed with boyish glee. "I ran over on business, and have no wish to be pestered by invitations. If they knew I was in England there'd be no peace for me."

"Do you make any stay here?"

"Oh no, I'm off to Italy this evening." He glanced at his watch and rose. "My train leaves in half an hour," he added. "If you are not busy, drive to the station with me."

I trod on air as we walked to the cab-

stand together. The friendliness of the famous writer intoxicated me.

"I have taken a liking to you," he said simply as we drove to the station "Come and see me when I return from Italy."

I thanked him fervently.

The London express was filling as we reached the platform. Mr. Maturin obtained his bag from the cloak-room, and I carried it myself to the carriage. I would not permit the porters to handle it. "Your hero-worship refreshes me," he said. "I can appreciate the sympathy of a man of taste."

The noise and bustle rendered any further conversation difficult. The train was about to start when the novelist opened his pocket-book and said: "By Jove! I've lost it."

"What?" I asked.

"My return ticket to San Remo."

"Perhaps it is in your pocket?"

He searched his pockets fruitlessly. "Confound it," he said, "I shall have to stay the night in London, and cash a check in the morning. I particularly wanted to cross over tonight."

"Let me lend you some money!" I said eagerly. "I happen to have some notes with me."

"Indeed, I don't like to . . ."

I persisted, and he yielded to my entreaty, though with evident reluctance. I pressed twenty pounds upon him as the train began to move off. He leant out of the carriage window, his massive head bared to the breeze, and waved me an ungraceful adieu.

The famous novelist remained in Italy until the autumn. Reading in the papers that he was hard at work upon his book I readily excused him for having forgotten to discharge his trifling debt to me. I liked to feel that I had been of some slight service to him and never doubted that he would remember the loan at our first meeting in town. Indeed, I even persuaded myself that the delay in repaying the money was a mark of the great man's confidence and friendship. How well he understood me. An ordinary man would have hastened to wipe out the little obligation at the earliest possible moment.

During these months of his absence Mr. Maturin was frequently in my thoughts. I re-read all his splendid novels with fresh enthusiasm, and identified him with the various heroes of those masterpieces of modern fiction. Also, I bragged of my acquaintance with him, and even allowed some of my friends to assume that we corresponded regularly. "How is your friend, Mark Maturin?" they would ask at the club.

I acquired quite a literary reputation on the strength of my supposed intimacy with Maturin.

In September I read in the papers that he had returned. The new novel was published and was convulsing a jaded society with languid merriment. Still he did not write to me, and I hesitated to call, lest he should misunderstand my motive. At length I began to fear that he had forgotten me. He had asked me to visit him on his return. Perhaps my failure so to do had offended him? Once I was invited to meet him at a dinner party in Eton Square. The fates were against me, for he was prevented from coming.

I wrote to him at his club, explaining my disappointment and asking him to appoint a meeting at his leisure. Two days passed and no reply reached me. Absurd as the suspicion was I began to think that the novelist meant to repudiate the loan. I was bitterly ashamed of this suspicion, yet could not stifle it. On the third day I received a curt note written from his club in Pall Mall.

"Mr. Mark Maturin presents his compliments and will be pleased if Sir Sidney Calvert can call here between four and six this afternoon."

The strange formality of the reply chilled and disillusioned me. I clung tenaciously to the hope that he had forgotten my name, and kept the appointment.

A waiter took my card and left me in the library to await the great man's coming. I had not long to wait. The door opened and Mark Maturin entered the room. He was not the man whom I had met upon the cliff at Bournemouth.

The Husks of the Prodigal

BY LLOYD OSBOURNE

Too—to—to—toot!

Jack Marin swept round the driveway in his smart little touring-car, and came to a stop in front of the St. Charles Hotel. It was a brilliant summer morning, and Jack, in his pongee silk cap, his blue Norfolk jacket, khaki riding-breeches, and glossy pig-skin puttees had the pleasant feeling of appearing at his best, and able to look a well-dressed world in the eye.

The verandah was thronged with people, and the long rows of chairs, the general animation, the sort of holiday expression on the faces of everyone suggested the deck of some big liner, three or four days out. Golf parties were forming; riding-parties, card-parties, picnic parties; some very swell children were being mounted on donkeys; bores were circulating—male and female—and there was an agreeable, high-class buzz that gave an implication of congeniality, exhilarating mountain air, social freedom, and new-found friends.

Jack was a big, manly-looking fellow of thirty, with a pleasant, open face, tanned to a cabman's red, and an air of incorrigible good-humor that served him as a substitute for beauty. No, our hero was n't handsome; but he had his points, and there was a perceptible rustle of muslin and ribbons at the sight of him. Of course, the car helped—as diamonds help a lady—but Lord bless you, Jack was happier to have his car admired than himself, and was as punctilious about his lamps as his cuffs.

He leaned back lazily in his seat, and lighting a cigar to disguise his evident intention, proceeded to pass the verandah in review. He wanted a companion for a spin, and was carefully deliberating over the choice of one. Yonder was Miss Stebbins, very alert to catch his eye and smile. But somehow he was n't in the humor for Miss Stebbins that morning. That tall dark girl was pretty nice—Miss, Miss—Oh, yes—Miss Sinclair—but then he'd have to take her mother. Did n't want to take her mother. Be hanged if he'd take her mother. An old cat, and abominably gossippy and prying. Little Miss Smith?—We-e-e-ell, no. She had been a failure the last time—chattered too much, and agreed with everything he said, the little idiot. Would n't mind that stunning thing in blue. Only the trouble was that he did n't know her. Pity he did n't know the stunning thing in blue. Must try to manage it. Had to. She belonged to Alice's type—only not half so beautiful. One of those glorious blondes that dazzle a fellow—that—. He must n't think of Alice, though. What unsuspected powers she still had to hurt him, to torment him, even after two years. He sighed, and tried to put Alice out of his memory, but she seemed to cling to him, and nestle her dainty head against his shoulder. Wished, after all, that he had n't seen that horrid blue thing. Wished he had never come to the infernal place. Wished that he was back in his office, grinding away.

He would take a man. He hated all that flirting, and summer-girl business. The German baron was rather a good sort; so was the bald insurance-man with the little boy. Only, on the smallest provocation, he would blubber about his dead wife. It was embarrassing. The poor little boy would blubber, too. Well, he did n't blame him. Suppose it had been Alice. It was that, he fancied, that made him so sympathetic. He could see the bald insurance-man's side of it, you know. Fellows who had felt those things did n't scoff. It's only ignorance that is hard-hearted. Was n't Alice dead as far as he was concerned? What silly little trifles could divide people! She had insisted on his giving up Joe Whittell, and he would n't. And that had ended it—ended it for ever—. There was woman's love for you. Good-bye on pink notepaper, and off to Europe. He little knew what Joe was going to cost him. Poor old Joe, the best and truest friend a man ever had, who would have cut off his right hand for him. Yet unwittingly, Joe had wrecked his life. He would have been two years married now if it had n't been for Joe—if he had thrown

Joe over. But that was just what he would n't do. No, indeed, he would n't, not if it tore the heart out of his breast.

The wide-open doors showed the stairway within. Of a sudden Jack's attention was caught and startled. By Jupiter, it took no second look to recognize the bristly white beard and uncompromising shoulders of Senator Stickney—. And the girl a step behind him? She turned her head—Alice! Here in the Catskills, in the same hotel with himself—miracle of miracles—actually descending towards him!

She saw him instantly—through all those people, through all the crush and jostle; saw him, and turned pale, catching at her father's sleeve. Then she smiled at him, a troubled, poignant smile—almost frightened. Jack, blank and stupefied, hurriedly raised his cap. Did it mechanically, gaping like a fool, unheeding the bald insurance-man who had come up, and was buzzing in his ears. Alice! By Jove, it was Alice! It was Alice Stickney!

He realized that he was staring at her. That it was rude to stare at her. That he was holding a photograph in his hand, and saying it was a sweet face. A second look showed him that it was a bull-terrier. It seemed that the bald insurance-man also bred dogs, and had won blue ribbons. He apologized. Buzz, buzz. He tingled to jump out of the wagon, and run to her. But ought he? Her smile hardly justified precipitancy. It was hardly more than an expression of recognition—spontaneous, conventional, perhaps already regretted. He remembered the pink note—its unexpectedness, its cruelty. Suppose she cut him before all those people—cut him dead! She was capable of it. No, he would stay where he was! He would wait. He would think it over.

"Jack!"

There was Alice, thrilling him with the sound of his name. Alice, more beautiful than ever, but strange and frightened, with a glisten of tears in her lustrous eyes. He mumbled something about being glad to see her—unexpected pleasure, 'pon his soul—and tamely shook her outstretched hand, apologizing as he did so for his gauntlet. He was ashamed of his agitation, and tried to hide it in a shower of commonplaces. After two years here he was talking about the weather like a silly goat! She talked about the weather, too—breathlessly. In the distance he saw the senator deliberately heading their way, frock-coated, formidable, enigmatically hostile. The precious moments were speeding fast. That granite-faced old gentleman would soon be upon them—and then—?

"Jump in!" cried Jack suddenly, throwing back his brake-lever, and desperately alive to the situation.

"Oh, but I must n't," she exclaimed. "Oh, Jack, I must n't!"

It was a risky thing to do, but Jack did it. Young Lochinvars cannot consider etiquette, or weigh social niceties. They have n't time. With young Lochinvars explanations have to come later. Action first—and talk afterwards, you know. Jack seized Alice's wrist and pulled her into the seat beside him. There was a flurry of petticoats, a stifled protest, a row of scandalized faces. The engine took the throw of the switch, and they were choo-chooing out of that hotel garden before you could say Jack Robinson! It was a vigorous little exhibition of presence of mind, and just another proof that old ways are sometimes the best. It showed the value, too, of a twenty-horse engine with ground cylinders. No cranking to that car—pppppprrrrmmmmbbbb—and you were off!

They darted into the street, cut across the trolley-line, and sprang down the hill at a forty-mile clip.

"Oh, Jack, let me out! Please, Jack, please!"

"Shan't."

"Papa will be furious."

"What if he is!"

"But it was an awful thing to do!"

"Was n't any other way."

"You could n't have been rougher with a trunk. See my wrist—it's all red!"

"Pink!" said Jack. "A lovely pink!"

"I'll scream to the first policeman."

"Aren't any to scream to."

"I'll bite you—I'll bite your hand!"

"You could n't—biting's unladylike."

"But really, Jack, it's awful. Think how it must have looked before all those people. You are a great big horrid savage. Suppose I cried?"



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Alice.

"Oh, but you won't."

"But if I did?"

"Well, cry then, and see!"

"Jack?"

"Yes, Alice?"

"I'll be good if you'll go slower."

"Truly?"

"Yes!"

"How's this?"

"It's like old times, is n't it? Playing hookey, and wondering what they'd do to us when we get home!"

"Oh, those old times," said Jack. "What do you want to remind me of them for? If you want to make me miserable, just say 'Old times.' I've put in two years trying to forget them!"

"And done it?"

"Oh, Alice, how did it all go to pieces?"

"You know, Jack. You know very well."

"I've wondered since if I did."

"It's no good talking about it. When a thing's over—it's over."

"Yes, that's true."

"You must be getting on to own an automobile?"

"Do you remember the $4,000 I scraped together to begin housekeeping with?"

"Y-e-es."

"You are riding in it!"

Alice said nothing, but she eyed the car with sudden disfavor.

"Had to spend it on something?" went on Jack drearily. "It's the next best thing to a girl, you know—the right girl."

"Possibly better?"

"Oh, I don't want to be rude."

"But you are getting on, aren't you? I read in the paper about your building a church, and your fight about some angels."

"More work than I can handle. When I lost you the tide turned. I had only one revenge left, and that was to try and show you what a good thing you had turned down."

"Did you hate me very much?"

"Yes, I did."

"Could n't see my side of it at all?"

"You had n't any side."

"But Jack, he was impossible—with his great yellow diamond, and horrible familiarity—and you said he was always to have a room in our house, and live with us whenever he wanted to—a man who did n't know the difference between a napkin and a handkerchief! Jack, you are crazy."

"Was n't crazy."

"Then what was it that made you like him so much?"

"An old obligation."

"It must have been a pretty big one for you to throw me over."

"I did n't throw you over. You said I had to choose between you and him. Well, I chose Joe Whittell—had to!"

"And you used to say you loved me so much!"

"I did."

"And—still care a little, Jack?"

"Yes."

"As much as ever?"

"More!"

"What was the obligation? What did that odious creature do to justify you in sacrificing both of us?"

"It was you who sacrificed both of us."

"But what was it?"

"I could n't tell you."

"Why can't you tell me?"

"Because I can't!"

"It must have been something horribly disgraceful!"

"It was."

"I can't believe you ever did anything dishonorable in your life."

"That shows how much you know about it."

"It's just some mad Quixoticism."

"No, Alice. Joe Whittell saved me!"

"Saved you from what?"

"That's what I can't tell you."

"But you can hint?"

"It is n't a thing you can hint."

"If you did tell me—what is it you'd be afraid of?"

"You would—laugh!"

"Laugh? Laugh, Jack?"

"Yes, laugh—and then I guess I'd lie down and die."

"How could I laugh at anything that had cost me you, Jack, dear?"

"That's just it. You would. It's untellable!"

"Nothing's untellable."

"That is."

"Are you still friends with him—with Mr. Whittell?"

"Oh, yes. Shares my rooms with me when he comes East."

"How do your other friends find him?"

"Unbearable!"

"And yet you stick to him as loyally as ever?"

"Naturally!"

"Jack, if you met somebody else—a girl, Jack—that you liked better than me—"

"Oh, I could n't. There is n't any."

"But if you did, and—"

"Can't imagine it at all—don't talk rot, Alice."

"And suppose she objected to Joe Whittell?"

"Then it would be all off."

"Jack—it is n't some kind of blackmail?"

"Good Heavens, no! Have n't I told you a million times he's the best friend I have in the world—that I owe everything to him. I said my life, but it's lots more than that. No, it's just common, damned, gratitude!"

"You've never asked me if I still care?"

"What's the good?"

"Are n't you going to ask me?"

"But you'd say: chuck Joe Whittell!"

"What if I did n't—this time, I mean?"

"If you knew the truth you'd love him—and despise me!"

"Both are equally impossible."

"You think so now."

"Am I never to know?"

"Never!"

"Was it to tell me this that you carried me off like a bandit?"

"No—that was just an impulse. You looked so adorable, so tempting—and I saw your father coming!"

"If I were a bandit I'd try to make myself agreeable to my pretty captive."

"Change the subject, and I will."

"Jack, do you love me?"

"Don't look at me like that—or I might kiss you."

"But you do, don't you?"

"Yes, yes, yes!"

"What fools we were, Jack. How we threw away our happiness. Why did n't you run after me, and force me to admit what a little idiot I was?"

"Could n't leave my job—besides, you said it was final."

"No girl's word is ever final, Jack!"

"It sounded pretty final in that letter, though."

"Have you still got it?"

"Oh, yes. Why, of course, I've got it!"

"Jack—if you'll come back to me—if you'll begin all over again—I'll—I'll eat it!"

"Envelope, too?"

"Yes!"

"Really-truly eat it? Eat it raw?"

"Yes!"

"No pretending? No begging off?"

"No."

"What about the stamp?"

"Stamp, too."

"And you would do that, would you, to be friends again?"

"Yes, I would!"

"Why did you wait two years before saying it?"

"I said it to myself almost the next day, Jack. Oh, how I waited and longed and hoped—and—and suffered. It's such a poor consolation to know that you are right, while all the time your little heart-strings are being tugged, and—"

"But you weren't right."

"I mean about Mr. Whittell?"

"I mean Joe Whittell, too!"

"Oh, Jack!"

"Alice!"

"Jack, you must n't. Stop! No, no, you must n't. The man in the buggy's looking at us!"

"Won't hurt him!"

"No, but you are crushing my hat! Oh, please, please—and—. Jack, he's in trouble with his horse."

"Trouble with your girl is worse, is n't it!"

"Am I your girl?"

"Guess he thinks you are! Whoa, there! . . . I'll get out and lead him past, sir? . . . Well, if you can handle him. . . . Now, now, old fellow, what are you afraid of . . easy, easy now. . . . Ho, boy . . . Don't mention it, sir—glad to stop—good morning!"

"Jack?"

"Yes, dearest!"

"If I am going to eat that letter—you must tell me the secret."

"What secret?"

"About you and Joe Whittell."

"Alice, I can't, I can't. You don't understand."

"I am not asking you to drop him. But I've got to know—I just have to!"

"And if I won't?"

"It 'll pretty well show how much you care for me!"

"But I do care. Alice, my darling, my darling, surely you know that, surely you believe me! And besides, I never wanted you to eat the letter—it was your own idea. Say, I'll let you off eating it if you won't insist on that question!"

"Jack, now listen. I'm serious, truly I am—not joking a bit, or pretending. If you don't make a clean breast of it, it's good bye—and this time for ever!"

"Oh, you could n't be so cruel."

"Put yourself in my place, Jack. I could forgive you anything—anything in the world, and make allowances, and love you all the better, and—and—Oh, Jack, are we to quarrel all over again about Mr. Whittell? Your secret is an insult to me!"

"I'll tell you the day we 're married."

"No—now!"

"Next week."

"No—now!"

"Tomorrow, then?"

"No—now!"

"After lunch?"

"No—now, Jack, now!"

"You really could n't throw me over for that."

"Yes, I could—and what's more I will! I mean it from the bottom of my heart—true and honest, I mean it. You need n't groan like that. Now be my own darling boy, and we'll stop right here, and I'll hold your hand."

"It is n't shady enough here."

"I don't mind that."



DRAWN BY D. J. LAVIN

"There's a beautiful little place about nine miles this side of—"

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"No, right here!"

"But you said you'd hold my hand."

"Now go ahead!"

"Oh, Alice, I am ashamed—"

"You ought to be so happy to think I'm going to marry you!"

"I'm too rattled. Besides, you won't want to when you've heard it."

"Where did you first meet him—meet Mr. Whittell?"

"In Pawnee City, Oregon."

"Well, begin there."

"No, further back. I was just out of college. Harry Matthews and I were chums—"

"Don't stop—. Harry Matthews and you were chums—go on."

"Oh, it's terrible. You must n't think it's a joke—it is n't."

"Oh, I know that, Jack. Go on."

"His brother was the most important architect out there, and so when I chose that as a profession—and Harry did, too, you know—we both went into his office

together. It was an excellent start, because the place was growing up fast, and there was heaps of work to be done. Well, I was hardly 21, and it was a loose, free and easy, boom-town—what in the West they call wide open. Alice, I went to the devil—straight and swift. Drank. Not whiskey—wish it had been—but absinthe. That green stuff—you know it—and when it takes a grip of a fellow he's done for. It killed Harry, but I managed to reach the gutter alive. Reached the gutter, and stayed there. That's where Joe Whittell came in.

"He was a rich old lumberman, and we had built him a gingerbread palace—and he took a great liking to me. I don't know why—but he did. Used to lecture me, plead with me, and all that. Not a saint himself—far from it—but in comparison to me was a shining angel. By degrees he became the only friend I had. I alienated everybody but him—borrowed their money till they were tired—sponged on them—got so dirty and horrible that they'd run at the sight of me. All but Joe. Joe made me live in his house—treated me like a son—I'd crawl back there every night, and the Chinamen would put me to bed. I did n't care. Used to call him a fool to his face. Curse him because he would n't give me money to buy absinthe.

"I had to work for that, or beg. Preferred to beg. Absinthe—that was the only thing I thought of—and how to get it. Often I could n't get it, and then I'd go almost crazy. If you had been there—if it had been in my power to do it—I'd have sold you to anybody for a bottle. God, one drink! I used to pawn Whittell's things—his poor, silly, trumpery clocks, bric-a-brac, anything. The Chinamen used to feel my clothes before I left the house. Yet Joe never wavered, never turned me out. There was always my nice room, my meals, a place to stagger back to. Often I reformed. I was always reforming. Heaven only knows how many times I pledged Joe my word of honor never to touch the accursed stuff again. An absinthe fiend spends half his time reforming, and the other half in hell. What's honor to a man like that—what's anything! You have lost everything human but your cunning—your diabolical cunning. I can't imagine how I kept out of jail. Once Joe had to put up money to save me. It was a doormat I remember, a doormat with "Welcome" on it. The sight of one since always gives me the shivers. I was a terror and a bye-word—a loathsome, dirty specter with red eyes—an insult to the earth—a tomato-can bum. And still Joe stuck to me!

"One day I found $40 on his bureau—the month's wages for one of the Chinamen. Of course, I took it. Jumped at the chance—skeedaddled out before it could be missed. Forty dollars! I, who was used to doing little jobs for dimes and quarters! It was all I could do to shout for joy. I remember laying down a 'twenty' on the bar, and telling everybody to walk up! Then blank. Then waking up in bed, with Joe at the foot, looking at me. What do you suppose he was doing? Staring at my legs; all covered with red and purple trellises! Outlining all the veins, and weaving in wonderful and fearful arabesques!

"'My God, look at them legs!' he said.

"And I looked at 'them' legs! Perhaps an ordinary man would n't have minded very much. But not I. My nerves were jumping, and I was on the border-line of madness. Instantly I screamed at the sight of them. They were horrible, repulsive, creepy-crawly."

"'I've been expecting it,' said Joe. 'Them legs of your's are in a bad way. That's what you've brought yourself to, you darned idiot, and you'd better say your prayers!'

"'What do you think's the matter with them, Joe?' I wailed, taking another shuddering look.

"'It's absint',' he replied mournfully. 'It always takes them like that sooner or later. Takes them in the legs!'

"I was so shaky I could hardly whisper the inevitable question.

"'The red is usually reckoned serious,' answered Joe, 'but them purple patches is enough to scare the Dutch. We had better get the doctor in quick!'

"Well, we got the doctor in quick. After thumping me, and listening to my heart, and examining Joe's artistic efforts through a magnifying glass, he was induced to promise me a slight chance of recovery. Said that with incessant care

and nursing he expected to pull me through."

"'But it depends largely on yourself, young man,' he went on, 'in your present state even to crave the infernal stuff will set you back, and maybe kill you. You must put the idea out of your head, absolutely and for ever!'

"They kept me in bed three weeks, and with the application of hot towels the horrid symptoms gradually disappeared. Then Joe took me to Colorado, where for a couple of months we lived in the saddle, and slept at night under the open sky. From time to time I would examine myself apprehensively for purple spots, but naturally never found any. As for absinthe, I hated it, and the smell of it nauseated me. The doctor said afterwards that I was a very interesting case of auto-suggestion, and read a paper about me before a medical society, in which I figured as Mr. X—. So I got well, returned East, secured a berth with McGee & Hampton, and began to climb the professional ladder.

"But it was to Joe I owed it: my life, my health, my success, even meeting you. All to Joe Whittell, God bless him. What if he is coarse and common, and ignorant and unrefined! What if he does wear a diamond headlight you could read by in the dark! It is n't for me to criticise him. I know the big heart underneath it: the big heart that saved me, and—and—"

"You want me to know it, too!"

"Yes, Alice."

"You poor, darling boy!"

"Ink's an awful thing," said Jack reflectively. "Purple ink especially. I guess that was what the man had in mind when he said 'the pen was mightier than the sword.' Only Joe used the end of his finger."

"The sweet old fellow," said Alice. "I'm going to be so good to him that he won't know where he's at!"

"We both will," assented Jack, and as the best of cars won't steer itself he stopped it.

Alec, Jr.

BY ANNE STORY ALLEN

In late spring, about April twenty-something, say, when skies are blue and the soft air tries to give a hint of what summer is going to be, it is the custom of M. Rupert (pronounced R-Ru-pair), to harness his two horses to a vehicle of large capacity and soundest springs. Then with a light heart and as many guests as possible, he betakes himself to one of the parks that grow out near the city limits.

M. Rupert on week days, dispenses the choicest of lamb and ruddiest of beef, at modest prices. Guggenheimer & Braun, a little further down the avenue have indeed a good shop, a very good shop. Their big signs in the window show that in spite of all the trusts in the world, beef is practically to be given away and that pork chops may be had almost for the asking. But their chickens! Well, everyone knows that they have the longest necks, the rigidest breast bones and the heaviest feet of any chickens for blocks around. But the chickens of M. Rupert! He will lift from a hook a creature like nothing you've ever seen before, plump it into shape, tuck its un-footed legs neatly under its wings, turn its neck into a sort of a knob that is most unobjectionable, and behold! From a creature it has turned into a creation—and the price? A mere nothing. Yes, *madame*, it shall he sent immediately.

But it is of a Sunday that I write; indeed, of one particular Sunday in the life of M. Rupert and others. In general outline, it was similar to many another Sunday. The two horses and the nondescript vehicle started bright and early.

By the side of M. Rupert himself, on the very front seat of all—for who should tool this coach except the man who owns the horses—sat a boy, a small boy. His pale face and big dark eyes were turned often toward M. Rupert, but oftener and more wistfully toward the man on his other side, the other occupant of the front seat.

M. Rupert sniffed deep of the sun-warmed breeze.

"Ah," he remarked, "there will be violets today, and grass for boys to roll on."

He looked down tenderly at the small face beside him.

"Gr-rass," he repeated absently.

How white that face was! how big and hungry the eyes! Hungry for something every little boy needs. It was the look that Edouard had, and Charles, little Charles!

It was only a few years ago that three children and a wife had rolled their happy way with him, along this tree-bordered avenue and out into God's beautiful country beyond. The wagon was a small one then and the one horse a bit wheezy and stiff-gaited; but hearts were happy, Marguerite's face sweet with smiles of love, and the pride of M. Rupert was something unspeakable

The house was empty now. No smiling wife to cook the *ragout* to a savory turn, and welcome home a tired, contented husband; no little Bébé, still that seemed almost right because he needed *maman* so. But when Edouard sickened and died it seemed as if the hand of God lay very heavy on the heart of M. Rupert. It was little Charles who stayed longest. Charles was only eight, but he was bright and cheerful, for papa's sake, and once—a harrowing memory for M. Rupert—he attempted to make the *ragout* like *maman* did, and burnt it to a crisp.

There was no one now. But the love that had been Marguerite's and Bébé's; that had mourned for Edouard and clung to Charles, found itself leaping out to little round John Schmidt (whose father was killed on the L road, right near M. Rupert's shop), and overflowing toward



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He laid the wood on a chair and sank into another.

Janie Baker, who picked bastings nearly all day and every day, out of the coarse cloth her mother put so many weary stitches into. And when a small pale-faced lad came to live in the rooms right next his, the look in that boy's eyes pierced through and through the very sorest spot in M. Rupert's great heart, the spot that still ached hard for little Charles.

For a time there had been nothing he could do, and that was irksome to a nature like M. Rupert's. But even his genial nature found no advances possible, when a stern-browed, tight-lipped man passed him day by day with the merest nod that decency would permit. And there was no getting at the boy, for when he was out of the two rooms that were their home he had his small hand locked into a long nervous one, his eyes straight ahead and his stride (with an occasional skip) lengthened painfully to suit his father's.

There's an awful big thing called pride. Little boys don't know the name of it, but many a time it bolsters them up quite wonderfully—even the bits of chaps—the little fellows who get nervous when it comes dark and you must n't light the gas because father has said not to.

Yes, indeed, Pride is a mighty good fellow to have along with you sometimes. But Pride can't keep your cheeks rosy, and it can't always take the wistful look out of a little boy's eyes.

M. Rupert thought hard. Finally one night he approached the door of his neighbor. The stern-faced man opened it.

Without his hat and in a smoking jacket, he looked young, very young. There was a boyish curve to cheek and chin in spite of lines of repression that had been cut in short, swift strokes, as one could guess. He looked inquiringly at M. Rupert.

M. Rupert begged a thousand pardons. Would the gentleman be so very kind as to grant the neighborly loan of a bundle of wood? No fire, and an evening to chill to the bone! The grocer—old friend though he was—should be made to explain why he, R-Rupair, should have to freeze on account of a delivery boy's carelessness.

With a nod the new neighbor disappeared. M. Rupert sighed. He would not be asked in, he felt it

Through the door, he could see, in a shabby old open stove, a fire burning cheerfully. There were a few books about, some sketches. No little boy in sight, though M. Rupert craned his neck most rudely to see.

A long slender hand proffered the bundle of wood, a short square one accepted it. The tall young man was glad to have been of service, the older short one was indeed obliged; a door closed, another opened, and M. Rupert was shut again into his own rooms.

He laid the wood on a chair. He sank into another, and pulled his pipe from his pocket.

"He is desolated, one can see it. But, cold! Bah, he is like the bear of the Pole, and the little one is freezing at the heart."

M. Rupert liked this simile. He repeated it aloud. Then he mused for awhile and finally fell asleep. He was awakened by a knocking at his door. It was the man from across the hall. His boy was shaking with a chill. He could not check it. "Would Mr. Rupert"—and of course Mr. Rupert would.

Then there were days and days of nursing. Alec, Jr., displayed no great interest in getting well. He did n't try very hard, to tell the truth, because it was easier to be still and let things slip away from him.

But one night a strange sound awoke him from a fitful doze. Father was lying right beside him, and Alec, Jr.'s throat had felt many a time the way father's sounded. He recognized it at once.

He moved a little.

"Awake, son?" Father was on his elbow quickly.

"Yes, father."

"Want anything?"

"No, thank you. I guess I'm going to be well real soon now, father."

Then a long arm gathered him close, and his head snuggled under father's chin.

"Good boy!"

Father's voice sounded queer but Alec, Jr., could tell he was glad. It was nice to be cuddled close. He had tried to be a man for so long and it got terribly hard at times. After all he was only a little boy and it was nice to be held close and have his head against father's neck. Only it made him remember that other chin, so



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Then there were days and days of nursing

soft, and that other throat and the warm, warm, breast where his head used to lie when the least little thing troubled him, or even when he just wanted to and there was no reason at all for it. And the hands that used to smooth his forehead, oh, he wanted them now! and the tender eyes that looked into his, and the mouth that laughed and smiled and coaxed and pretended to scold, oh, he wanted so to see it again!

And of a sudden he sat up straight in the bed, away from father, and beat the covers with clenched fists, and he did n't pay any attention to father saying "Lie down, like a good boy," but he shrieked, "I want my mother, I want my mother," and then it grew black and cold and he knew nothing.

M. Rupert was a famous nurse. Nurse? He was *chef*, and waiter, and entertainer, and nurse combined. All the coldness "like the bear of the Pole," melted away from Alec, Sr.'s heart—at any rate from the side of it that was toward M. Rupert.

Acquaintance turned into friendship. It was possible, because Alec, Sr., recognized a gentleman when he met one, and because, being himself a gentleman, M Rupert never asked questions.

Winter glided into Spring—a warm, gentle, motherly Spring, with no cold surprises up her sleeve to turn noses red and lips blue, with no desire to have the laugh on you because you trusted her and emerged from your winter garments at her insistance.

When M. Rupert explained to Alec, Sr.,

his custom of the Sunday journeyings, Alec, Sr. knew what was coming. He put aside his last remnant of false pride. And on this very Sunday he climbed in with round little John Schmidt, with Janie, who picked bastings, and with old "Santa Claus," the white whiskered man that lived on the top floor, and on what else, no one knew. He and Alec, Jr., sat on the front seat, this beautiful spring Sunday morning along with M. Rupert. The horses stepped briskly along. John Schmidt's wide-rimmed stiff new hat cut into the back of Alec, Sr.'s neck, as the carriage jolted, because John Schmidt would not sit decorously by his mother, but preferred to stand where he could look between the two Alecs and see the horses.

It was certainly a day of days. It was a green day as to grass and trees; it was a blue day as to sky and the waters of the lake; it was a goldy, shimmery little-white-cloudy day, and Alec, Jr., had n't been in the woods half an hour before he felt it to his finger-tips. A faint color glowed in his cheeks, and a light came to his eyes that had n't been there for a long time.

Even Alec Sr., relaxed and felt a thrill of normal natural physical life sweep through him as he ran up a slope in pursuit of his boy.

And later, he ate the pink ham and the fresh rolls and some of the ice-cream, and those miserable lines seemed to drop right away from his face, and the boyish chin line came out more plainly than ever. After he had lunched he made a little sketch of John Schmidt busy with a plate of ice-cream. M. Rupert fairly howled over this, and it was good for Alec, Sr., for nobody had laughed over his thumb nail sketches in many, many days.

He whistled a merry old tune, one he had n't thought of for a long time, made two or three more sketches, and stretched himself lazily along the grass, in a warm spot where the sun shone.

Suddenly the light flickered out; memory came back with a rush and there was nothing worth while in the world—nothing in the woods, nor in the sunshine, nor in the warm spring air. The whistling boyish mouth straightened again, a coldness crept over all the relaxed features and they set themselves once more into stern repressed lines. He gripped his cold pipe between his teeth and with his hat tilted over his forehead, his arms behind his head, he stared unseeing down the shadowy aisle of trees.

When someone spoke his name, he heard it as from a distance.

"Sister?" he answered, though he knew it was only a part of his dreaming.

Then someone said "Alec," again, and it was his sister.

He rose to his feet, and two slim hands seized his and clung to them.

"Oh, Alec! I thought I should never—Alec!"

One of the hands released his, and went to her side. It was a well-remembered gesture.

"Sit down, Belle." He put an arm about her, and she sank to the grass, still clinging to his hand.

"Sit by me, Alec, sit by me, dear. Oh, Alec, to see you again! I've wanted—longed to tell you—oh, God, I have been punished! But, why did you go? You knew, he told you it was a lie, that it was not so."

"Yes, he told me. I believed it—the next day. After I had insulted her, had closed her mouth, after I had taken the boy and left the house—then I knew. It was a nice time to know, was n't it? A fine time to say 'forgive,' the very moment to go back, and offer—what?—Apology? Amendment? So I kept on."

"But, the boy? Oh, Alec, that was cruel. I was wicked, jealous, unwomanly, anything; I know it, but to keep the boy! How could you?"

"How could I? It was just a part of my brutality, I suppose. No, it was n't wholly. I had him—and it was too big a temptation. I could n't send him back. He was all I had, all I ever would have. I was as dead as if I had killed myself. I kept the boy because I had to!"

"Where is he?"

"Here. We 're on an outing. Mr. Rupert who has a butcher shop under where I live invited us to drive with him."

"Alec!"

"It's a very good butcher shop."

"Have you—have you no money?"



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He made a little sketch of John Schmidt busy with a plate of ice-cream.

"More than I had. The art of making money is a more difficult one than I'd ever realized. She is still in Paris, I suppose?"

His sister looked up at him quickly.

"She likes Paris."

"Has she, is she—free?"

There was another quick look, and Belle paused.

"She has taken no steps," she said then. "There's been nothing done. I tried to find you at first; then the message you left at the bankers, made me realize it was useless. I'd like to see the boy, Alec."

Alec, Sr., frowned.

"Better not," he said. "It would upset you both. He never asks—about any one now."

His sister's hand pressed again to her heart.

"Grafton is dead," she said.

"Dead?"

"Yes, and he never forgave me. He could n't, you know. I prodded at his inmost feelings. I taunted him till I maddened him—and then he told me that if he had known Alice before our engagement, he should have known what love really was. I think I went out of my mind when he said that. I don't remember clearly even what I said to you that night, but I know he came in and found us talking, that he told you I was lying."

She closed her eyes and shivered, then she opened them on her brother standing silent. "We've made rather a mess of our lives, have n't we?" she said.

"Poor child!" Alec knelt down by her, slipped his hand under the thin little arm and pressed it to him. "Poor little Belle!"

Upon them, shoulder to shoulder and hand clasped in hand, came M. Rupert. Belle raised her eyes at the sound of his stumbling approach, to behold an anxious perspiring face that returned her gaze in polite dismay. To have intruded upon his guest, he explained, made him most unhappy, but the little Alec, Jr., had strayed. No one had seen him. M. Rupert had only inquired casually not to alarm and cause an uproar. No doubt the boy was near here. He would continue.

Alec, Sr., assuring them that he had no anxiety, that the boy had probably only strayed a little farther than he had intended, started into the woods. His voice rose clear and penetrating, "A-*lec*, A-*lec*." It was the call of that most unanxious person, the father of a little lost boy.

M. Rupert would follow.

"If *mademoiselle* will excuse me—"

"Run after him, please," cried Miss Curtis. "Tell him to take the first turn to the left. Go out to the entrance. The boy may be there." She waved M. Rupert away and sank again to the soft grass at the foot of the tree.

"If he should have gone there, if he should have found her—and if Alec should find them! Oh, if God would let it happen like that, it seems as if I'd be—almost happy again."

Through her tears she saw two figures hurrying toward her, up the woody aisle. A tall creature, slim, and swaying as she almost ran; and trotting by her side, his hand held fast in hers, a small boy, a thin, pale boy with dark, excited eyes.

His mother half stopped, dragged by his hand, but she called out:

"Belle, oh Belle! I thought I should never find you. Come, come quickly. It is Alec, Alec! See? Oh, it is Alec, and we must get to the auto. Shall I help you up? Are you ill? Oh, Belle, please come quickly. What is it, darling?"

She turned to Alec, Jr., and threw herself on her knees beside him.

"My boy! Mother's boy! What is it? You remember Auntie Belle? Now we'll go home."

Her arms went around him. She pressed his head close to her white throat where he had so longed for his head to be—and her fingers smoothed across his forehead just as he had dreamed when he was ill.

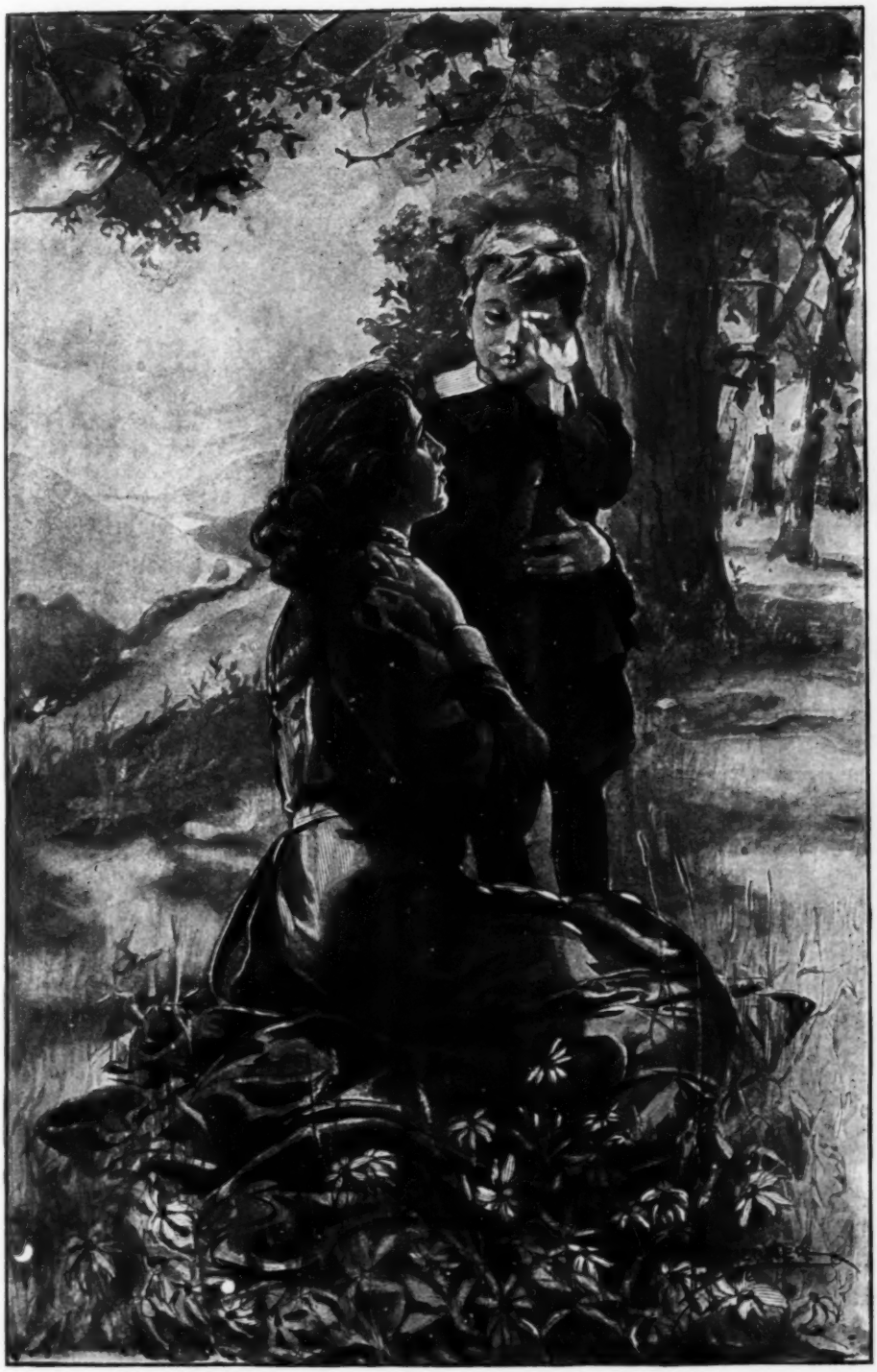
"I found him in the woods. He is here on a picnic. Some kind man brought him. We'll have to advertise or something so the man won't worry: just say relatives have found him. And they'd never dare; no one would ever dare take him again. Oh, my baby! And he's so tall, such a man! You'll take care of mother, won't you darling?"

She was crying and laughing now.

"Come," she urged. "It's only a little way, Belle! Oh, hurry; please; can't you?"

"Are you going to take him, really?"

"Take him? Does a beggar take food



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"My boy! What is it?"

that's put before him? Belle! And to think I might have missed him. I got tired of waiting and came to look for you. This way; come by this path. Did you stumble, sweetheart? What, tears? Oh, Alec, don't you want to go? Don't you, don't you love mother any more?"

She stopped in their hurried flight but Belle walked slowly on. Once more the tall lovely girl-mamma that Alec, Jr., had longed for with every fiber of his being, went down on her knees, and the tender arms went around him, but gently, not fiercely, as a moment before.

"I love you, mother," he said in a solemn little voice, "But I can't, how can I—"

"You can do just what you want to, darling, just what you want to. See, I won't even touch you. If there is anything you want to do instead of live with mother and take care—Oh, I must n't put it that way."

Alec, Jr.'s throat swelled and ached. It was n't fair, someway. He was happy beyond measure, and miserable beyond expression. Once again it seemed too hard to be a man. He was only a little boy and he wanted his father—that big, tall, stern-faced father, who had the kindest voice in the world, whose "partner" he had been in the up and downs of the last two years. He could n't desert him like this. He could n't. Yet, here was the sweet mouth, and the soft eyes that looked so at him—how could he say no?

He gave a desperate glance around. Then he threw himself on the ground and gasped out, "I want my father, I want my father."

Hidden from view by a tree, so near as to see and hear it all, stood Alec, Sr. And through his heart, in sharpest sympathy, shot the awful pain he had suffered on another night, when two fevered hands had beaten the bed-covers and "I want my mother," had fallen like live coals upon his heart. He knew—or thought he knew—what the woman who knelt there on the grass was suffering now.

He saw her face as she bent over the boy to soothe him. He heard her voice.

He should have his father, she told him, and she knew that he loved mother, too. He was n't to feel badly, because he could n't come with her. Mother would be sure to understand it all.

She raised the tangled head and wiped the tear-stained face with her handkerchief. "It was all right," she repeated.

Then the tall figure stepped out into view, and two sad, tired eyes looked up into Alec, Sr.'s face.

"He says he loves me, too," said a broken voice.

"Oh, Alice!" Alec, Sr., cried. "Oh, Alice!" and he pressed his forehead against the rough tree trunk.

Then Alec, Jr.'s girl-mother, who was n't a girl-mother any longer, but a woman who had suffered, left the little boy who loved her, and went over to the big boy who had loved her and who had injured her so deeply.

"Alec," she said, and her hand touched his shoulder.

"Don't," said Alec's voice, a voice as hoarse and broken as her own. "You can't—you could n't."

"I can, and I do—still," she whispered, and her face went from white to red from the confessing of it.

Alec, Sr., turned then and looked at her; quite reverently he took her hand in both his and lifted it to his lips. And he wiped away the tears that fell from her eyes, as he humbled himself before her and laid bare his inmost soul for her shriving. Then Alec, Jr., from a distance saw his mother beckon and he ran with a cry into her arms.

M. Rupert sat alone on the front seat on the home-ward drive. John Schmidt's mother, directly behind him, expressed sincere Teutonic thanks, to the accompanying rumble of the wheels. Little Janie, half asleep, curled against Santa Claus and murmured softly of the day's happiness.

They drove down through the leafy avenue, turned through some streets and so over to the West side. An L train roared over head and the butcher shop came into view as they neared their familiar corner. The Sunday outing was over.

M. Rupert winked rapidly, several times; then he cleared his throat.

"It is truly a joy that I feel," he half whispered to himself, "but, also, yes, I fear there is to be, yes, somewhat of a loneliness."

The Metamorphosis of the Mate

BY LINCOLN COLCORD

At the head of Pier G on South Street, is a certain store where sailor's furnishings are kept. They sell oilskins, stuck together like huge dried fruit, and heavy shirts, and black tobacco, and all the slop-chest wares that never get abroad among land folk.

Years ago there was a good business in this dark store. South Street was lined with ships, whose jibbooms hung overhead from the Battery to the Bridge. Talk of vessels was in the air: their arrival and departure; freights; the sailing of distant waters, and the scientific handling of trade-winds and monsoons. And all the ships fitted out at Fred's. One could throw a biscuit on board a dozen vessels from his store door; in his back room sat always a rowd of deep water captains, speaking the romantic language of the sea.

Now those days are gone. A few sailors still come to buy of Fred; a few captains still fit out their slop-chests from his shelves. But mostly old men, the wreckage of a golden age, drift in and talk awhile about the long voyages and the good old times.

One day the air was particularly drowsy in the deserted store. A schooner was being docked at Pier G, and we listened to the singing of her ropes. That afternoon Dashy Noyes told me the story of Dan Ryan; how he turned the tables on the crew and came into his own again. His thin voice was flavored with drinks, and expressed scorn of Christian virtues in a mate.

Dan Ryan killed a man on the old ship *Jamestown*, out in th' Chincha Islands, years ago. I was before th' mast in th' *Hudson;* Frank Canfield was mate along 'ith us. Dan was th' king mate o' th' fleet; oh, he was a holy terror, them days!

That mornin' I was out on th' jibboom. I heard 'em talkin' loud aboard th' *Jamestown*—we laid close alongside her. Pretty soon I see th' mate step below, bring up a rifle, an' shoot a man off th' foretopsail yard. Stood by th' main riggin', an' I see him sight a long time. Th' man on th' yard yelled—it was th' third mate. He hung awhile, an' then fell, end over end. I heard him strike on deck.

Frank Canfield manned a boat an' went aboard. He knew there'd be th' devel t' pay. I heard him say goin' over, there'd been trouble on th' *Jamestown* all th' voyage. Th' third mate had got away with Dan once.

Dan was standin' at th' gangway. I recollect how he looked; a tall man with heavy shoulders. His face was red, an' he had a drop or two o' sweat on his forehead.

"Well," says Frank, "here's a devil of a note. Dead?"

"Dead," says Dan, cool as when he shot him.

"Come below," says Frank. "Here's Jerry Merithew, an' Mitchell o' th' *Onieda*. We'll fix it up."

They went down an' talked it over. Th' man laid where he fell; nobody dared t' touch him. He struck on his face. One hand was on his stomach, where he got shot.

They hit on a plan t' keep Dan clear. Old Ned Morrison in th' steamer *Chilleo* was due. He run her up t' Panama, along th' coast. He'd seen trouble of his own, an' they banked on him. That night we manned a boat with home fellows, muffled th' oars, an' brought Dan aboard th' *Hudson*. We buried him in th' sand an' ballast, an' stuck down a piece o' lead pipe for him t' breath through. When th' cap'n o' port an' his tribe come off next mornin', th' bird had flown.

Dan stayed in our hold three days, till th' *Chilleo* arrived. When we dug him up, he was hungry, an' Frank had half drowned him pourin' water down th' pipe, but barrin' that, he was fit. He slept most o' th' time; that was why th' water bothered him, because he slept with th' pipe in his mouth.

Well, Ned Morrison took him, an' passed him over t' Bill Blanchard at Calleo. Bill took him up to Mazatlan;

an' among 'em they landed him in Frisco, all clear. It was too far away there; if a man could get from Frisco t' th' West Coast, or from th' West Coast t' Frisco, in them days, he was safe.

But they took it up East; th' third mate's folks was well-off people. An' Dan got careless an' forgot, an' shipped again for New York. Th' day she arrived, they come for him, an' took him up t' Sing Sing for twenty years. That was the last we see o' Dan Ryan — for s o m e time, I mean.

Ten years after that, I was second mate o' th' *Sea Witch*, along o' Cap'n Del'no—th' Old Man Del'no. He was in his prime then, one o' th' old school sailors, th' fightin' kind.

We was bound t' th' West Coast with supplies for th' Chileno army; camp kettles, an' buckets, some flour, *aguardiente* for th' soldiers, an' fine liquors for th' officers in charge. It was th' time th' Chilenos an' Peruvians was fightin' all along th' coast twenty years ago. We did n't know where we'd fetch up; th' Peruvians might sink us, or th' Chilenos might take us for Peruvians. Our orders was t' touch at Talcahuano.

Alex Freeman was mate with us. He finished up some years later by fallin' off th' gangway in th' *Boca*, an' stickin' in th' mud head first. He only fell off th' after house with us, an' broke both his legs, th' day before we finished loadin'. Th' Old Man was in a stew.

"Will you go mate th' voyage," he says t' me.

"I will not," says I. "It's too much responsibility."

"There's no mates t' be got," says he. "Do you know of anyone?"

I thought o' Forsyth. He'd just come in on th' *Mayberry* from Buenos Ayres.

"I'll see Forsyth; he's a good man," I says.

"Go now, an' get him quick, then, for God's sake," says th' old man. "Bring him up t' th' commissioner's. I'm goin' t' sign th' crew this afternoon."

Forsyth would n't go. I thought o' Steve Donnelly. He would n't go. I met old Alexander, that kept th' sailor's home, but he did n't know of anyone.

Cap'n Del'no was n't at th' commissioner's. I come in here on th' way aboard, an' found him talkin' to a big man with gray hair. They were talking about Cap'n McGrath, who had th' *Sea Witch* before th' Old Man took her.

"No, I never sailed with him," says th' man, "but I saw a good deal of him once in Hong Kong. I was in th' *Reaper* with Cap'n Manning. They was pretty thick, Cap'n Manning and Cap'n McGrath."

"Bill Manning?" says th' Old Man. "Did you sail with Bill Manning? I used t' know him well."

"Three years with him in th' *Reaper*, an' one in th' *Talavera*. I left her t' go in th' *Centennial* th' voyage Cap'n Manning lost her."

"Is that so?" says th' Old Man. "Bill Manning always said a man was a fool t' lose a ship on Peaked Hill Bar. I've heard him say it fifty times. An' then he lost th' *Talavera* there, with all hands. I recollect when she was launched."

"She was a fine ship," says this man, "an' Cap'n Manning was a thorough sailor."

I asked Fred, over there, who he was.

"Says he's a mate," Fred told me. "Turned up today, an was talkin' t' me when Cap'n Del'no come in. I never see him before. His name 's Tarbox."

I used t' know a Tarbox in one o' th' Gulf boats, but he was a short, thick-set man. I hauled off an' listened.

I could see he had th' Old Man interested. He knew a hundred an' one o' th' old timers o' Cap'n Del'no's day. But I did n't take much of a shine t' this Tarbox. He had a shore voice, that did n't tally with th' nautical terms. I knew th' Old Man was easy, an' it come over me that Tarbox was working him for all he was worth.

"Well, Mr. Tarbox," says th' Old Man, "it's gettin' late. I'm glad I run onto you; it seems like a stroke o' luck. A mate on South Street is a scarce article these days."

"Cap'n Del'no," says Tarbox, "it's a stroke o' luck both ways. I only decided t' go t' sea again two hours ago; an' I could n't ask for a better ship or a more capable commander. I used t' hear o' you in th' old days, Cap'n Del'no."

By this I see things had gone farther



DRAWN BY E. BERT SMITH

"We buried him in the sand, a lead pipe to breathe through."

than I thought. Just then th' Old Man caught sight o' me.

"Mr. Noyes, I got a man," he says. "This is Mr. Tarbox, who will probably sail th' voyage with us."

I got a square look at him, shakin' hands. He was a better lookin' man than I supposed.

"Come aboard t' morrer mornin' an' see what you think o' th' ship," says the Old Man. "Bring your things. I'll sign you t' morrer afternoon."

As soon as we got out o' earshot, Cap'n Del'no opened up.

"There's a jewel," he says. "I could n't ha' made a luckier stroke."

"Where'd you find him, sir," I asked.

"Run right into him there in Fred's.

He's been ashore for years, an' could n't make anything. His wife 's just died."

"Talks funny," says I. "I don't like th' way he talks."

"He's all right," says th' Old Man. "Anybody that's staid four years with Bill Manning, 'll fill th' bill. Tarbox, Tarbox. Strange I can't seem t' place him. I was around in them times, too."

"See his discharges, sir?" I asked.

"No. He said his wife burned 'em up along o' all his sea clothes. I guess his wife was a tartar by what he said."

There might be somethin' in that, I thought. Th' wife would make his speech soft like that, too.

"He'll be as good as what you can get nowadays, anyway," I says.

Th' cap'n went up town early next mornin', an' while he was gone, Tarbox come aboard. We went all over th' ship. I watched him for a slip, but he was onto every move of th' game. He found out what sails she had, an' what stores was aboard; an' th' spare spars; an' between whiles he asked me all sorts o' questions about th' voyage, an' th' ship, an' th' Old Man. When he got through, I reckon he knew her from truck t' k'lson.

About 10 o'clock th' cap'n came on board in a sweat. Th' Chilenos had changed their plan o' campaign, an' was servin' three meals a day instead o' two. He started in before he come over th' rail.

"We've got t' be ready for sea t' night; don't ask me how, I don't know how. Mr. Tarbox, glad you 're here. I want you t' come up t' th' commissioners. Mr. Noyes," he says, gettin' me off to one side, "it's take him or nobody now. He's all there?"

"Seems a sailor, sir, as far as it's possible t' judge," I says.

"We'll find out later," says th' cap'n, an' takes him up th' dock.

That was a busy day. Most o' th' stores come down, an' we piled 'em in a heap abaft th' mainmast. There was n't time t' stow anything away. About noon a double gang o' riggers turned to, an' we went up an' bent th' sails.

I did n't have any time t' watch Tarbox; but when th' last sail was on th' yard, th' boss rigger, Jim Coley, come along t' me.

"Who is this Tarbox," says he. "Where'd you get him?"

"Th' Old Man picked him up along South Street. His wife drove him away t' sea again," says I.

"Wife or no wife," says Jim, "he's a crack mate. Dashy, my boy, he'll take it out o' you before you step a foot on land again. You mark my word."

Th' last o' th' cargo went in at 4. At 5 th' cap'n come alongside in a tug; we cast off an' towed down t' Stapleton.

Tarbox had been talkin' t' me all along about th' gear aloft, an' now he tackled th' Old Man.

"There's a hole in that foretopmast-head I can put a sheath knife into up t' th' handle," says he.

We'd carried that bad topmast two voyages.

Th' Old Man was walkin' up an' down in front o' th' house.

"Too late, Mr. Tarbox," he says. "I knew about that, but this special charter did n't leave us time for much work aloft. We've got t' take it t' sea now."

"Them fore an' main braces are pretty far gone, sir," says Tarbox. "An' th' lifts on th' lower yards; an' them foretop-sail halyards—I ain't sure o' them. We ought t' reeve off new t' gannel an' royal sheets on all three masts. They did n't send off any three inch rope, an' there ain't a half a coil aboard."

"We'll have t' reeve off new topsail halyards," says th' Old Man. "Perhaps we can get some lower braces out, too. Th' sheets 'll do for all I'm goin' t' carry on. We've got t' run pretty snug, Tarbox; she was coppered this time, an' this voyage is a venture, an' may not pan out well."

"That main t' gannel yard, right in th' slings—" Tarbox started in, but th' Old Man cut him short.

"Yes, yes, Mr. Tarbox," says he, "We'll have t' be careful o' that t' gannel yard. Well, I've got some accounts t' figure. You let me know when we get pretty well down."

"Is this a junk-shop?" says Tarbox t' me, as soon as th' Old Man was out o' sight. "She's bully along decks, but rotten aloft That ain't sailorizin'."

"Don't you jump at conclusions," says I. "Th' Old Man's a sailor o' th' first water, but he's workin' under difficulties. It's this way Chapman & Briscoe sold



DRAWN BY E. BERT SMITH

We piled 'em in a heap abaft the main mast.

her a year ago t' Needham in Boston. Th' Old Man owned an eighth, an' he ain't got around t' pullin' out yet. This voyage 'll finish him with Needham. Needham don't believe in new runnin' gear. So we'll sail with th' old. We can't starve. We 're loaded with grub for th' Chilenos. What a Chileno can eat, I can eat. We can't sink. She'll ride out any weather. An' if the Old Man has charge, I ain't sayin' nothin'."

"Well, if that's th' way she's headin'," says Tarbox, "all right, let her go. We'll get there somehow, sometime."

We worked till dark, stowin' stores. Th' cap'n went back t' th' city in th' tow boat. After chow I come on deck. I wanted t' get things straightened out in my mind.

It was a pretty night. Two or three men-o'-war was lyin' close, an' we could hear th' bugle calls. All th' flowers ashore was just beginnin' t' blossom an' smell. How 'uld you like t' be goin' out t' sea now, in a square rigger, bound anywhere? Remember how the bridge looks, as you tow out by Governor's Island; an' th' Statue with th' sun settin' in smoke behind? I see e'm from th' Staten Island ferry, goin' down t' Snug Harbor, now!

Tarbox come up too, an' leaned over th' rail. I was thinkin' a good deal, about him. From th' first he had interested me. I'd dropped th' idea that he was bluffin', an' was huntin' for a better clew. I took stock in what Jim Coley said, too. I don't know why, an' can't tell, but somehow for all that he did n't tally in my mind. I'd seen sailors, but not like him. I'd seen landlubbers, an' he warn't no lubber. I kept shufflin', an' hopin' for a lucky deal. One time I says t' myself, "Here's a man dropped in from nowhere's, nobody knows

him, nobody remembers him. I've read o' pirates like you, gentlemanly, an' all that. I ain't so sure but you 're a retired pirate." Then again I says t' myself, "He ain't the only pirate in disguise. I've run up against a number in my day."

I let it go at that, an' went an' turned in.

Next mornin' dawned bright and clear, th' wind comin' out o' th' nor' west. About six bells th' cap'n come alongside with th' crew. They was as dirty a gang as ever I kicked forrard. Half of 'em turned in all standin'; some of 'em we had t' lug into th' forec's'l. Six men out o' sixteen turned to; we hove short with th' donkey engine, got th' hawser out, an' broke away a little after eight bells.

Tarbox found time t' have a look at th' men in th' forec's'l. A dirty lookin' gang; we ain't had any sailors since close after th' war. These was th' regulation thing. Shanghaied, an' picked up along shore, or kicked out o' th' boardin' houses after they'd been bled. I've seen mates lay into a drunken gang in th' forec's'l before now, just t' break the news to 'em.

But Tarbox got some rags first, an' did up th' head of a Dutchman that was stove.

"I'll need you before long," he says.

In the other forec's'l he says, "You sober off awhile, an' turn to when you feel like it."

O' course it was th' best way. Though somehow it was n't what I expected. They did n't either.

Th' way we got through th' work that mornin' was a caution. We catted an' fished th' anchor before th' towboat fairly got us straightened out. We set th' lower and upper topsails when we got down th' bay, takin' th' halyards t' th' donkey; an' th' Old Man had half a mind t' send th' boat back. Between whiles we cleaned up th' fag ends o' things; an' when we passed Sandy Hook, there was n't a devilish thing t' do but set th' sails an' let her go. Th' anchors was both stowed, chains unbent, hatches battened down; every nameable thing ship-shape an' ready for sea. Six or seven more men turned to; we had th' t' gannelsails on her when th' tug cast off; an' she was n't a mile astern, droppin' fast, when we set th' main topmast stu'nsail.

Th' Old Man took a look around before dinner. It worried him t' see things go without a hitch. He went up on th' forec's'l head, an' looked aloft forrard o' th' sails. Th' mate was standin' by th' main riggin' when he come aft.

"Fine breeze, Mr. Tarbox, fine breeze," says the Old Man. "This 'll carry us half way t' th' Azores. Them Stu'nsails draw well. We'll see what she's makin' after dinner."

Then it rang eight bells.

Th' breeze we sailed with hung by us for a week, dead aft,—an' we makin' two hundred-an'-fifty or three-hundred a day. Then it dropped off, an' blew up from th' southerd an' eastward. We took th' royals off her, an' let her go on th' port tack, by th' wind.

Th' crew had all turned to th' second day out, an' we kept 'em busy for awhile gettin' her in some kind o' shape aloft. They were a useless lot o' landlubbers, th' scum o' boilin'. There was n't two of e'm knew th' ropes. Steer? They could n't steer a shingle with a string.

Tarbox tried to teach 'em things. That sounds good, but it ain't. It ain't my way; it warn't th' Old Man's; it ain't a ship-shape way at all. Let 'em find out. Thump 'em once in a while, an' they'll learn t' go t' looard of you.

He was too easy with 'em, I thought; he acted queer about it. I suppose he'd got soft livin' ashore. Then there was his wife; an' nothin' takes th' starch out of a man like that. I was intendin' t' speak t' him about it sometime. But it came on t' blow heavy, an' things developed.

They called all hands in th' middle watch one night; it was a southerly squall. I run forrard t' catch th' last man out; I had a few things laid up against a couple o' men in my watch. I took an iron belayin' pin out o' th' rail as I went along, intendin' t' land him one with it. Tarbox come up behind me an' caught my arm.

"No, Mr. Noyes, none o' that," he says. "We don't do that."

Th' man took it all in.

"Thank you, sir," he says t' Tarbox.

It was bad an' I made it worse by swearin' at th' mate.

"Main upper-topsail yard. there." says

Tarbox, shuttin' me off. "Lively there."

Well sir, I could ha' bit a gasket off with my teeth when I got aloft. In th' first place I had t' give that man, Tom was his name, a lickin'. I took him as he struck th' deck, got him down t' looard, an' hammered him in good shape. That was all square.

When we got shortened down, I had it out with Tarbox. He was walkin' th' weather alley-way as I come along.

"Devil of a job you done there forrard," says I.

"Why?" says he.

"Why? Ain't you got any better sense than that? If you needed th' man t' work, I would n't ha' laid him out. Why did n't you go about it some kind o' shape."

"I don't like t' see a man hit that way," he says.

"What way do you like t' see a man hit?" says I. "He'll have t' be licked fifty times now. You'll have t' lick him."

"No," he says.

"It's a rudiment o' discipline. Anybody that handles sailors knows better than that."



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"No, Mr. Noyes, none o' that!"

"Look-a-here, Mr. Noyes," says he, "we 're all adrift. You don't understand. I've got t' tell you all about it. But I don't see where t' begin."

He took a turn or two up th' deck. Then he told me his plan. I can't remember how it went; somethin' like this.

"I am a Christian. That 'll do for a starter. You don't find many men at sea sayin' that. An' just from that reason,

you don't know any more what a real Christian is, than a Patagonian. You go home from a voyage an' go t' prayer meetin', an' think they 're all that way. You don't believe 'em, an' don't trust 'em, an' so it goes.

"But where I was, there ain't no time for that sort o' religion. I thought most of it out all alone, nights, an' I had t' make a plug t' fit th' hole. Besides, I was brought up in th' palmy days; I knew a thing or two; an' I think no man ever worked out a more practical religion. I took my life year by year, voyage by voyage, ship by ship; an' thought what was good, an' hung to that; an' decided what was bad, an' repented for that. Some things stand pretty heavy against me on th' other page. But I ain't carried it too far; I know what a man is; I know drink; I can swear yet; an' th' only thing I've done is t' put on brakes—begun t' think, an' choose, an' deny.

"Th' one thing I have t' repent for most is my dealin's with th' men. I was brought up in t' old times. I learned of a hard man, too, even for them times, Mr. Noyes; some o' th' things I've done fair wakes me out of a sound sleep nights. I'm softer now, an' I don't want t' be hard. No. That's th' lesson I've got—t' feel other people, how they think, how things seem t' them.

"It's cowardly, this game we play with sailors. I used t' think I was cock o' th' walk—a brave man. I was talked about—on that account!"

He took a turn up th' deck.

"It can be done different, Mr. Noyes," he says, comin' back. "I'm goin' t' show you it can be done. I have stood th' limit on the other tack—there's breakers there. You lick a crew, an' you keep on lickin' 'em. You thump a man when he ain't t' blame, an' you stop him tryin'. That's sense. They 're men, just men. But I have treated 'em like dogs. In all my goin' t' sea, I never saw a man helped or heard a word o' praise."

"Did you ever get one?" I asks.

"That ain't th' point—" he started in, but I cut him off.

"That's just th' point," I says. "Ever read after a man called Darwin, that wrote about th' survival o' th' fittest? Th' Old Man give it t' me one Sunday. Darwin says, let her go Gallagher, hooray for th' feller on top, an' th' devil take th' hindermost. That's th' squarest religion I ever struck. It's so. Sailors ain't fitted t' be praised. D' you think you can baby a crew? It's playin' with fire."

Tarbox shook his head. "I thought this out a long while ago, with fear an' tremblin'," he says. "I had more at stake than you; I can remember how it was when I was young. But I don't remember a kind word I got then, though many's th' time one would ha' helped me out. A man's a man; I am changed now' an' see a lot o' things that was hid. I'm an old man t' you; my fightin' days are over. An' please God, we'll try a different lay this trip; we'll see what's in it, anyway. A man's a man, an' I'll treat everyone that does his duty, as I would my own brother."

"It's noble," says I, "but is it sailorizin'?"

"The highest kind," says he; "th' sailorizin' that helps you in th' voyage o' life. An' the wonder of it is, it's never been tried. Think o' th' years an' years, an' all th' ships, an' not a one run under God's law. An' then I says, we'll try it now, we'll give it a show this trip. I can't make you think as I do; you 're too well taught, an' too young. But all I ask is a favor; let me put this through my way. I'm sick of everything I know; I want t' forget everything I ever learned. It's all wrong, a crime against God an' man. Wha' d' you say?"

"Say what?" says I.

"Will you drop th' fightin', an' not hit another man this voyage, or do any o' th' old dirty tricks? It 'll be hard for you, I know; you ain't no tenderfoot. But will you try my way? I'll promise you th' best success you ever had. Wha' d' you say?"

Well, what could a man say? I said "yes," an' we shook hands.

"Now," says I, "wha' d' we do?"

"It ain't what we do, so much as what we don't do," says he. "Don't hit a man till you talk to him. Don't lose your temper; an' when you see a good job, say so."

Them was just th' kind o' things a man like that would cut out for you t' do. I laughed an' laughed, walkin' th' deck that night. I knew there was a skeleton some-

wheres. Th' old woman must ha' been a tartar, I thought.

I won't have t' tell you how soon it took th' crew t' get th' upper hand. That gale lasted two days; then it moderated down an' hauled t' th' southard. We shook th' reef out o' th' upper topsails, an' wore around on th' starboard tack. Up on th' main topsail yard they was talkin' loud, an' I shut 'em up.

"Shut up along th' yard there," says I.

"What harm is it for a man t' talk?" says someone on th' yard arm.

"None o' your lip," says I, "or I'll show you what harm, when we get on deck."

"We'll see about that," says he, an' took his story to Tarbox.

Tarbox called me along, an' asked me about it.

"Look-a-here," I says, "this has got t' stop. We 're losin' th' grip."

"I'll talk to 'em," says he.

"There's one thing," I told him. "Lick 'em. That man's got t' be licked."

But he called 'em aft.

"It's a custom," says he, "on shipboard, to obey orders. I notice you ain't got that down fine, but you must keep at it. Obey orders. Anything that you 're told t' do, do it. Ask why afterwards. But do it; a lot may depend on it that you don't see. You understand. As long as you obey orders, you won't get into trouble aboard this ship."

"Three cheers for th' mate," sings out a man.

They gave three cheers.

I landed th' man on th' point o' th' jaw.

"What's this for, Mr. Mate?" he says.

"Will you stand for that?" says I t' Tarbox.

"For what?"

"For th' cheers?"

"Why not?" says Tarbox.

I give it up, an' told th' man t' go forrard.

Th' Old Man did n't find it out for some time. But when he was below, they fair run away with Tarbox. You can see how it was. You know a sailor's th' dirtest an' meanest creature on God's footstool. They found his weak spot, that's all. He handled th' work—well, as I never saw it handled before. I took off my hat t' that man forty times a day; he was a sailor from clew t' earin'. He could sail-make, an' rig, an' navigate, an' turn out more fancy work than any five men I ever saw put together. He could sail a ship like a yacht, an' set a stu'nsail with a twist th' Old Man had t' learn. But th' crew laughed at him. They obeyed orders, because his orders was always right. Outside of that, they insulted him with every breath they drew. You can see how it was.

She was a strange ship for a while. Th' cap'n an' me did n't have no trouble; they was n't sure of either of us. I kept my word t' Tarbox, an' did n't touch a man. Lord, but they took it out o' him! An' at last th' Old Man caught on.

One night in th' trades he come t' me.

"Mr. Noyes," he says, "I don't like t' speak t' Mr. Tarbox, but have you noticed anything strange about th' men. I mean —"

"I know what you mean, sir," says I "I have."

"I'm worried about it," says he. "I can stand anything but that."

"Better talk t' him," says I. "He'll talk, sir. You'll find out what's in th' wind."

That night when I went below, at eight bells, they was standin' in th' alleyway. I slid into th' pantry, an' found th' window open. Tarbox was just windin' up th' argument.

"Why, cap'n," he was saying, "you were before th' mast yourself; you know how much trouble always starts aft."

"A devil of a pile o' hammerin' I got before th' mast," says th' Old Man, strikin' off on his own hook. "It done me good."

"But did n't you hate th' man that hammered you? Could you work willin' for him? Nine men out o' ten 'll work more willin' for th' man that treats 'em decent. A sailor's a man, ain't he?"

"A pretty poor specimen," says th' Old Man. "It can't be done."

"Has it ever been tried, sir?"

Then th' Old Man turned on him. "Yes, it has been tried; by weak men that could n't handle th' job. By thieves, an' all th' dirty hounds that ever curried favor with th' crew. But you ain't one o' them. An' you 're makin' th' mistake o' your life.

You'll get left in th' long run, or my name's Dennis. Go forrard, man, an' give 'em a damn good lickin'," he says.

"Do you find any fault with me wor-rk, cap'n," says Tarbox, rollin' his words with an Irish twist I'd never heard him use before.

"No."

"Do th' men bother you at all, at all?"

"No, they don't," says th' Old Man.

"Then leave me to meself—that's th' way I was br-rought up," says Tarbox. "I'll answer t' you when I bother you."

He went forrard, an' th' Old Man never broached th' subject again.

For all that, Tarbox was n't so sure of himself after a while. He used t' talk it over with me in th' dog watch.

"I'm willin' t' stand what I get," he says t' me one night off th' River. "It never can pay back for what I used t' give. But sometimes I think things ain't pannin' out. I can see there's a screw loose somewhere.

"But th' theory ain't wrong. No—it's me—th' instrument. Look at me. Am I fit for such a job; a fightin' man myself once, th' devil in me still? No wonder there ain't any results. I was too hard, an' now I can't help bein' too easy. A job for saints an' priests; you 're right, it can't be done—I can't do it. But it's th' way; an' I won't stop tryin', not on this voyage, nor on any voyage t' come. He's watchin' me up there, that's what I believe."

I took off my hat to him again.

When we got down off th' Horn, we struck some nasty weather. It changed th' temper of th' crew. Up to now, it had been a good joke for them; come t' think it over, they was a bright lot, mostly Irish. Th' weather had been pleasant, food good, work easy, an' no better fun than t' bait a broken-down officer meanwhiles. But th' cold froze up th' joke. They was n't in trainin'; they did n't have any spunk. You had t' drive 'em aloft t' handle sails; you had t' chase 'em around decks t' keep their blood runnin'. Some of 'em went sick, an' Tarbox tended 'em, an' eased 'em off. Then it come on t' blow heavy from th' sou' west, an' kicked up a bad sea. We hove to an' drifted; shook th' goosewings out o' th' lower topsails, an' put 'em in again. It was hard weather on th' best o' men.



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"They insulted him with every breath."

"Some day when we get in a tight hole, them men 'll fail up on us," I says t' Tarbox.

An' sure enough, things did turn out that way. It happened one night just comin' dark, when th' Old Man decided t' wear around on th' other tack. Th' seas was runnin' mountains high; but hove to she rode 'em like a bird. She was a fine sea-boat. We got all cleared away, though, in order t' bring her around sharp; you could n't tell what she'd do in that heavy weather.

We relieved th' wheel just before we put th' hellum up; it must ha' been four bells. Droppin' off she was handlin' herself well; a big sea caught her up an' she slid along on top o' that for miles. Tarbox got th'

yards squared, an' waited for her t' luff up on th' other tack. He waited some minutes, but she did n't seem t' luff.

Just then I see th' Old Man jump at that wheel, yank it out o' th' man's hands, sling him one side, an' whirl th' spokes like mad. I run aft.

"He had th' rudder amidships," shouts th' Old Man. "Get forrard. Somethin's up. Th' crew!"

He was white as a sheet, an' pointed his thumb over his shoulder. I looked up an' up, an' there, right over our stern hung one o' them tremendous seas. It seemed as if th' sky was solid g r e e n water; her stern dropped as if she was hangin' on th' edge o' nothin', an' I felt my heart droppin' too; an' while I looked that wave curled an' rose an' reached for us like some great hand. It cut th' wind off, though I could hear th' upper riggin' singin'. Then it fell.

I must ha' caught a stanchion, though all I can remember is that I held my breath for hours. Then my head come out, an' I saw th' cap'n hangin' t' th' wheel. Th' ship was luffin fast, an' I knew th' yards was still square.

"For God's sake, get forrard, if you want to keep us afloat," shouts th' cap'n. "See if there's anyone left, an' get them yards braced up. Your life depends on it. Another sea like that—"

I lost th' rest, but I knew what it was too well, for th' wind caught me in th' teeth, comin' from abeam.

When I got forrard, th' main deck was flush full, an' half th' men swimmin'. Tarbox had th' main yards goin'; I hauled a gang t' th' fore braces, an' we swung th' yards just in time. There was nothin' on th' mizzen but th' spanker, double reefed.

After it was all over, th' Old Man come forrard.

"Well, what's the meanin' o' this," says he. "Send aft th' man that had th' wheel. Send 'em all aft."

"We won't make any more trouble," says one.

"Trouble? It ain't trouble I'm scared of," says th' Old Man. "D'you know you nearly swamped this ship? What I want t' know is, what sort of a game were you up to, anyway?"

Well sir, they were a scared lot, an' we got th' whole thing out of 'em. What d' suppose they planned t' do? Take charge an' run back into th' Atlantic! Th' man at the wheel was t' keep her before it, an' th' rest was t' hold th' yards square, an' fight if we forced 'em. That sea nearly swamped us, but it stopped a bad row at a bad time, an' probably saved all our lives.

All this struck Tarbox in a tender spot, —his seamanship. He worried over it night an' day, an' talked with me about it often off th' Horn. He admitted he'd made a mistake; it was a new way o' doin' things, he said, an' he did n't know how t' go at it at first. But now he was goin' t' change all that. He said he was goin' t' open up when we got out o' bad weather.

"Go through 'em with an' iron belayin' pin, an' you'll get back th' grip," says I.

"I can get it back another way," says he. An' he stuck to it that he would n't fight.

But he did n't reckon with his host. Th' more he growled, th' nastier th' crew got. He tried a dozen ways o' bein' hard, but each time they come out a little grain ahead. They tripped him along decks at night, an' spit on him from aloft. Little accidental things. They begun cussin' him to his face. You can see how it was.

He tried it for a week, an' then one night he come t' me again.

"I'm finished; I'm done," says he. "It's no use tryin' any more. I'll never go t' sea again; it's no place for me now. I've signed my last articles, I've taken my last advance. I licked my last man a long while ago. I tell you what it is," says he. "When a ship loses sight o' land, she loses sight an' connection with God. Th' sea is th' devil's, an' he works it hard.

"There may be work ashore for me," says he after a while. "I may get somethin' t' do ashore. But this is all I know. I like a ship. I used t' like th' life. I thought I'd make it a little heaven this trip, an' I found a little hell.

"I don't want t' be landed on th' West Coast. But I can't live aboard this ship any longer. I'll begin again, at some more Christian business."

All th' while, we was gettin' up from th' Horn. We fetched th' Coast o' Chile at

Concepción Bay, an' laid up in Talcahuano, for more flour an' the official orders.

It was quiet there in Talcahuano. Th' rest o' th' fleet was on th' jump, loadin' for th' coast an' home. We took in a little flour, workin' an hour or two a day. There was n't much for th' men t' do. Tarbox had agreed t' stay till we got t' Valparaiso.

It come Sunday mornin'. Th' Old Man had gone ashore th' night before, leavin' word that he'd not be off all day. When I went on deck after breakfast, Tarbox was standin' by th' rail, slick as a whistle, with a white collar on, an' one o' them long flowin' ties they used t' wear. It was a pleasant day; we leaned over th' rail an' listened t' th' sounds from shore. I noticed th' men bunched up forrard.

"Seems t' me them men are more than ordinary slicked up," I says.

"Yes," says Tarbox. "They've been at it all th' mornin'."

We had n't been lookin' ashore five minutes, when here come th' whole crew over th' break o' th' poop.

"Well, wha' d' you want?" says Tarbox.

"We want th' boat t' go ashore," says a man in my watch; Long Tom we called him; th' same one I licked once.

"You can't have th' boat t' go ashore," says Tarbox.

"That so?" answers Tom. "I reckon we want that boat th' worst kind."

"Come get forrard. Cap'n Del'no give orders—"

"T' hell with Cap'n Del'no! You 're th' cap'n now, ain t you? Well, we want that boat quick, right off th' reel. An' we 're go'n ter have that boat."

"You can't go ashore t' day, min," says Tarbox, with a touch of brogue.

Long Tom stepped up t' him.

"Kape your-r hands off me," says Tarbox. "Get forrard there."

"You dear ol' cuss," sneers Tom. "Won't you let us have th' boat?" He put his arms around th' mate, an' made t' kiss him. "I'll give y' this if y' will."

He had n't got th' words out of his mouth, when Tarbox hit him between th' eyes.

Well, sir! I was lookin' at th' mate's face. Somethin' snapped: it was n't th' same face any more. I took in th' gang standin' around; saw Tom layin' there on deck; an' when I got back t' th' mate's face, it come over me with a rush what was in th' wind.

He got my eye, an' nodded. It was all in a second. Then he jumped, an' I saw a man go down an' under.

"Fair play," yells a lime-juicer, runnin' around th' pumps.

"Is it fair play you want," says I, an' spears him in th' pit o' th' stomach with a caps'n bar.

I heard 'em gruntin' behind me.

"Stay down, damn you, take that," says Tarbox, an' a man howled.

I forgot everything, an' thought I was back in the old times.

After a while, th' decks did n't seem so full o' men. I ran against Tarbox once or twice, but could n't see. All at once I felt sick; sick as a horse. When I come back from th' rail, my head was clear; an' he had come to his senses a bit, too.

The crew was all hid around decks; behind th' spare spars, dodgin' along th' bulwarks, under th' forec's'l head, some of 'em aloft even. We chased 'em from one side t' the other, an' run 'em around from place t' place. Long Tom laid where Tarbox had landed him. We give him a kick each time we come by, an' was movin' him forrard by jerks. Whenever we could n't find a man, we'd run back an' kick Tom.

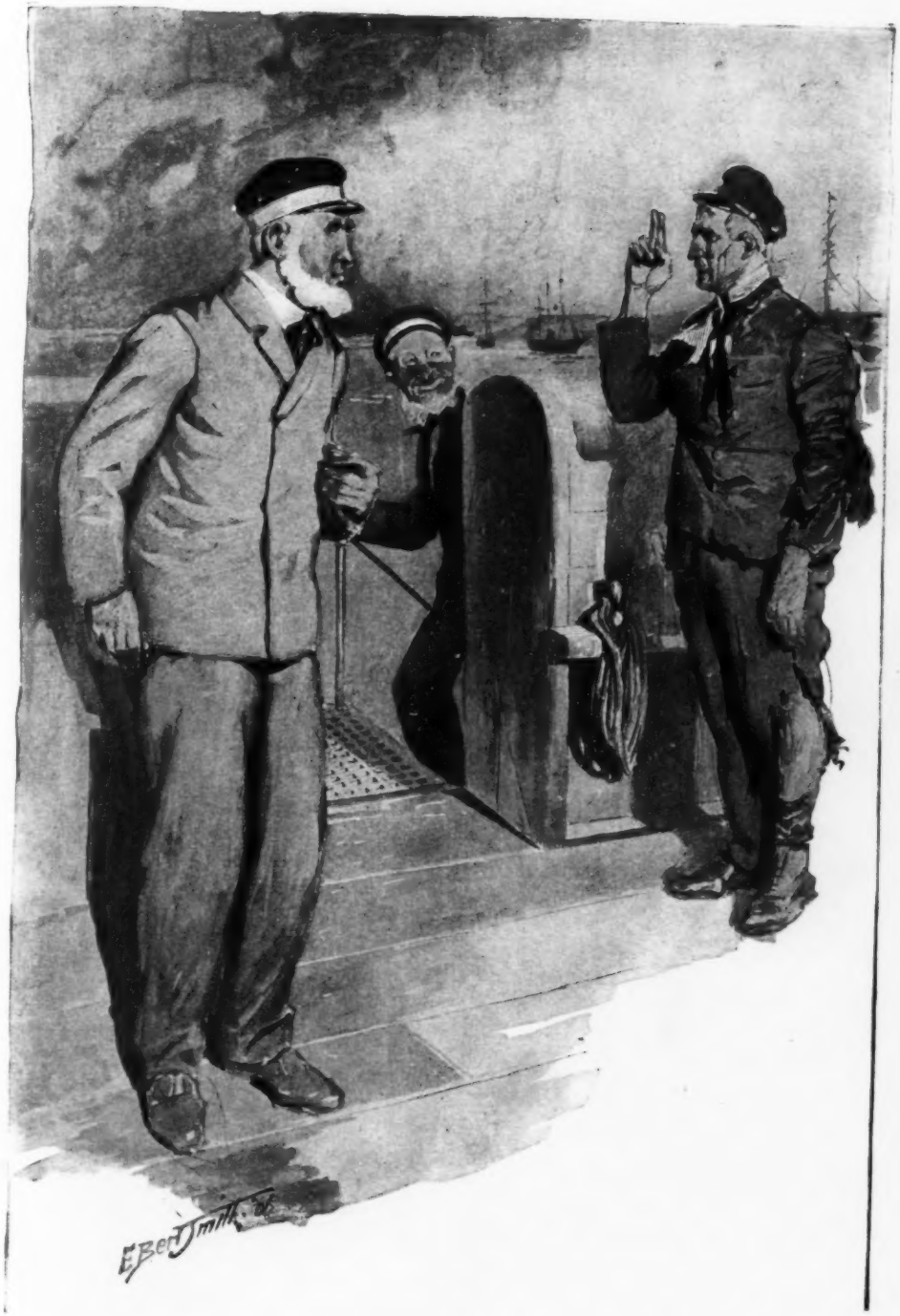
I never see a crew licked in better shape, or one that needed it more. I was down under a fat Dutchman durin' th' thick of it, an' Tarbox did all th' heavy work. He had th' old-fashioned way o' fightin'; a knack o' jumpin' over a man an' into th' next, swingin' under him, like a scythe in tall grass.

He was changed; he seemed a foot taller. His eyes were quick, an' hard as flints. Every time he struck, somethin' broke or gave.

I begun t' feel sick again, an' when I went t' th' rail, there was a shore boat alongside, an' th' Old Man comin' up the gangway.

"Cap'n comin' aboard, Mr. Tarbox," says I.

He stepped up t' th' gangway an' stood attention It was a hobby o' th' Old



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He stepped to the gangway and stood attention

Man's, t' have his mate receive, like they used t' do in man-o'-war times.

"Good mornin', Cap'n Del'no," says he.

Th' Old Man stood on th' upper landin' an' looked at Tarbox. Th' fightin' had been hard on his clothes. He had on one leg of his pants, an' th' white dicky with th' flowin' tie. That was all. His face was runnin' blood, an' one eye was closed. There was blue welts all over him.

Th' Old Man come in' an' stood on th' rail. He looked forrard along th' deck. Tom, by th' break o' th' poop, give a howl an' flopped over.

"Well, I'll be damned," says th' Old Man.

Someone had come up th' gangway behind him, an' stood laughin' on th' landin'—a stout, red-faced man.

"Well, well, Del'no," he says, "is this th' mate you was tellin' me about? This is th' kind o' tricks I used t' know."

"Cap'n Morrison," says th' Old Man, "Let me introduce my mate, Mr. Tarbox. What there is left of him."

Morrison give Tarbox a quick look, an' steps up closer.

"Hello, Dan Ryan," says he. "When did they let you out?"

Th' mate waited a long while before he spoke. We all waited.

"I thought th' jig was up when I saw your face, damn you, Ned Morrison," he says at last. "How'd you know?"

Ol' Cap'n Morrison went up t' him, an' touched him on th' breast. It was covered across th' whole front with a full rigged ship in India Ink. Underneath was her name, th' *Jamestown!*

"I recollect th' day that picture was put on you, goin' up from th' Chinchas t' Calleo that time," says Cap'n Morrison. "Oh, you can't fool me, I am getting old. Is your beard as red as ever, Dan? Why don't you let it grow?"

Then I remembered that Tarbox had always kept his breast covered.

The Nick of Time

BY MARY BUELL WOOD

Of course she never ought to have married him, but then, on the other hand, he never ought to have married her, which is by no means one and the same thing—though it sounds so. Everyone knew, and did not hesitate to say, from the very first, that they were entirely unsuited to each other. Still, as this is probably true of ninety-nine *per cent* of all marriages, perhaps, they thought they stood as good a chance of settling down into an even gait as anyone else.

She was one of those breezy, quick, fluttering, animated, sparkling girls, all life and motion and fun, with a coloring that made you think of chestnuts, cherries, brown oaks, and red poppies, while her dark blue eyes laughed at you from under evel black eyebrows; she was always aughing, so you did not often catch the sweet expression of her mouth. She was young and strong and every inch of her tingled with life; there was always something happening where she was.

He was a quiet, reserved plodder; slow in speech, in thought, in action; books, writing, study, were his natural atmosphere. Refined, almost fastidious in word and deed; plain as to face, shambling as to figure; easy-chairs, student-lamps and green-shades; pipes, slippers, and the latest reviews were the setting into which his make-up best composed itself.

Now why did he fall in love with her? He did; and for two years he kept asking her at regular intervals to marry him, which she took as one of her many "greatest jokes." What did he do it for? And why did he keep on doing it? He had plenty of time to realize that she had not one single thing in common with him.

Still more, why—after saying "no" over and over again—did she make the mistake of finally saying "yes?" She certainly never for a minute was in love with him; and he had nothing in the way of money to gild his deficiencies, though, to do her justice, that would have made no

difference, for while a more extravagant spendthrift never lived, she was not mercenary, and never would have married any man because he was rich.

It really was extraordinary, her taking him—for he did not satisfy one solitary instinct of her brimming-over nature, and she had plenty of time—as well as he—to realize this.

Still there was more excuse for her in one sense, for she never took thought about anything, and she never would have stopped to think about him under any circumstances. Whereas, he never did anything but think—and he ought to have known better.

He did n't; and as she did n't, they were married, and for a year things skipped along at a pretty lively pace. His literary connections brought him plenty of theater tickets. Their friends made a great deal of them. The wedding finery was becoming. The necessity for a good tailor had done much for the narrow chest and stooping shoulders. In short, the vivacious linnet seemed to chime in very well with the plodding book-worm.

I have often wondered exactly what would have happened if they had continued to live in New York; whether if in the maelstrom of city life, they would not have rubbed off all their sharp and unfitable corners, and in the end have been welded neatly together with the mortar of time and habit.

But what they did was to take a little house at Pelham Manor when spring time came, and it was here that Walter's essential chumpiness came to the front. It was as congenitally impossible for him to take an interest in country clubs and the inherent concomitants of urban country life, as it was for Letty not to do so. In town it had seemed natural for him to have his regular hours for work, and to give the evenings to play, but in the country everyone played all the time, or else went to the city in the morning and did n't play at all. Walter's expectations of writing and following his accustomed routine, did not fit in at all with the continuous amusement schedule of Letty and the country club circle.

However, before any serious crisis was reached, little Letitia came, and the flighty linnet began her transformation into the mother bird, which caused such astonishment to everyone.

How could a flippant, light-minded, up-and-doing personality be so submerged in one absorbing abyss of anxious maternity? Soon life no longer held anything of interest for Letty but the state of little Letitia. Did she sleep well, eat well, digest well? If not, why not? Such were the burning questions which were put to Walter at all hours, day and night.

Would n't you think a book-worm would welcome these signs of incipient domesticity? You don't know Walter.

As time went on and little Raymond came to join his sister, the maternal phrensy rose to the height of its greatest power, and Letty now became a seething cauldron of measles, croup, whooping cough, scarlet-fever, and teething. Into this channel went all the energy, excitability, and volubility of earlier days. Walter ought to have been pleased. More than that, he ought to have been touched and thrilled by this development. Was he? Not Walter.

About this time in his career, he got a fine appointment to do some special literary work for Despard and Miles, which would just about fill up every spare minute, counting in evenings, but as Letty now wanted to substitute "Fireside Talks on Nettle Rash" for theaters and night-work generally, she would n't mind his being busy evenings. Here he counted without his host, for while she no longer wanted Walter as an escort, she did very decidedly want, and insisted upon, him as an audience. Who should be interested in hearing about the ins and outs and ups and downs of his own children if not Walter? And at first, when he began staying in town two or three nights a week "to work at the library," she quite missed him. However Letitia was learning to talk and Raymond to walk just then, and naturally, her mind was occupied.

So when Walter after awhile, suggested that it would save both time and money if he were to take a room in town for his work, and run out to Pelham Manor whenever he could, she fell in with the plan, especially as it would furnish a much bet-

ter play-room for the children than the one they now used.

Now Letty's conception of Walter and of his environment at this time was not entirely borne out by the facts.

Of course he ought to have been perfectly happy as Letty's hilarious social flights became more and more restricted, and were finally replaced by the fixed "stay-at-home" habit.

But as a matter of fact, the more she developed the traits which he ought to have joyfully welcomed, the more he missed the charm of that foolish, light-hearted flightiness with which he had no affinity whatever and which ought to have prevented his ever marrying her at all.

He was a self-contained, selfish brute, and when the babies advanced to the foreground so dominantly and pervasively, he seemed to think his work was interfered with. Which, as Letty justly said, was both inconsiderate and irrational, for in the first place, no one ever read or would read his things, and in the second, he ought to write all the better for having some life going on about him.

When he took rooms in town, he began by going out to the country several times a week, but things kept pouring in upon him, he said, and he had to work harder and harder, and he could n't break into his time so much. As a matter of fact, he did have a lot of reviewing to do, beside being assistant editor of *Ballard's*, and getting out a series of articles on "The Literary Future of Mars," and writing poems of his own, which he thought the most important of all. So his time was pretty well filled up, if you come to that, and as Letty sensibly said, if he would work over things which amounted to nothing, he might as well keep right at it, for he only fell asleep when he did come home, and the children really needed his room.

And now, of course, you will perceive, comes the point. Another and a less chumpy man looming up for Letty to contrast with Walter's crawling book-worm ways.

Little Letitia and Raymond were each in possession of a full set of second teeth—they could each walk and talk without assistance—the kindergarten was opening up the next important family epoch, and they generally got acquainted without much difficulty with their father, whom they now saw nearly every other week.

Letty seemed to have reached a lull in her absorbing maternal activities and interests, and a faint far-off echo of a brisker and more exhilerating life at times obtruded itself upon her ears. She reviewed her assets. Four out of date evening gowns, three impossible hats, one impossible Walter; for could she hope or expect ever again to draw him into the circle of the light and trifling for which he had shown so little affinity even in his most addictable days?

Still she would make an effort, and perhaps he could be turned and twisted into shape with her hats and gowns. At all events she would go in to town that very night, and they would go to the theater, as a beginning.

Now if Letty started out to do a thing, that thing was done about as fast as it could be. Accordingly it did not take her long, after making up her mind, to catch the 5:36, looking a good deal like the old Letty; a little behind the style, it is true, but what would that matter to the way-back Walter?

She reached his rooms to find him just starting out—dinner at Martin's with a party? What party? Just some friends he had met about—Where? Oh, at the club and different places.

Letty looked him over. With a sudden jerk of her brain she took him in from head to foot. Where were the baggy knees, the creased waistcoat, the bulging shirt-front, the coming untied white tie? What had become of the stooping shoulders, the slouching gait? Where was Walter—and who was this, and when did he happen? Such were the hurdles over which her mind was jumping in leaps and bounds. What was he saying? Informal? She come along, too? The dinner was doubtless a good one, but Letty's excellent appetite for once failed her. Who was that woman talking to Walter as if she knew him—intimately; and was that Walter—Walter—laughing and talking and more than holding his own in the general tone of sprightliness and repartee? What were they all talking about? Who was this Bernard Shaw? What did Wal-

ter know about Cyprian glass? Was her own tongue growing paralyzed or why could n't she seem to find a thing to say? Was she—Letty—taking a back seat, and Walter the center of the stage?

Now you must admit that to have such a reversal of the proper order of things thrust upon her, with no notice whatever, was confusing, and it would take time to read just her ideas.

And now you really do see the point!

The crawling book-worm has emerged from his chrysalis, and the now humdrum linnet is left behind.

It began with the fluke by which his poems—those same stupid ones he was writing in the beginning of this story—were published in book form. Of course no one ever read them, but someway some one heard of him, and spoke of him to another some one, and he began to be invited about. Then he joined a club because it was cheaper, he said, about meals and things. Then he met a couple of actors who asked him to the Lambs' Gambol, where he met more. Then he commenced dropping in of an evening to see them behind the scenes, where his dramatic circle increased both in numbers and kind, and his ideas for a series of "Philosophical Studies of the Stage," broadened. They were further stimulated by philosphical suppers at Curate's.

It was at this epoch that his back straightened up and the kinks went out of his shoulders.

Then he was asked by his chief to represent *Ballard's* at a literary reception, where he met Mrs. Jerome, the lime-light authoress, whose book was in everybody's mouth. Mrs. Jerome was a person of fine perceptions and her cosy little apartment afterwards proved capable of affording both the comfort and the atmospheric conditions most mellowing to his ideas and conducive to their facile expression. In short, he found her at once suggestive and an expert listener, and he began to experience the intoxicating sensation of enjoying his own conversation.

Such were some of the rivulets which had gone to make up the stream of Walter's present literary labors.

As for Letty—she may have been a linnet—but she did not possess the head of one by a long way. No owl was ever wiser, and no humming-bird ever quicker than Letty when it came to catching on. It did not take her more than the one experience of the Martin dinner to realize that there was something fatally off in her scheme of life.

You would have thought that with Walter giving signs of having overgrown his chumpiness and after having developed some, at least, of those qualities which were more in accord with her own character, she would have been gratified, not to say hopeful and encouraged, would n't you? You don't know Letty.

She grasped the situation in no time at all. In a word she had been growing backward and Walter had been evoluting. Was she to sit down and fold her hands and bow to the inevitable? Not Letty. With her, to jump to a conclusion was simultaneously to act upon it. This Shaw wrote plays, did he, and everyone was talking about them. There were three now running in the city. Three witnessings of each gave her a good speaking acquaintance with him. That woman was the authoress of the season was she? In two days Letty had her book in quotable shape. What had kept her and Walter apart? Two things—his work and the children. Very well; the Maine air was particularly wholesome; mother lived in Maine. Need I add that before they knew it, the nursery governess, and the nurse, and little Letitia and Raymond were all getting up to Maine as fast as a fast express train could carry them.

The household at Pelham Manor was torn up by its roots and Walter, who ought to have been used to Letty's custom of acting first and telling him about it afterwards, received his first intimation of her intentions, by finding her one afternoon, installed in his rooms, prepared to stay indefinitely till more permanent arrangements could be made.

Now this was really rather hard on Walter. Walter was slow, as I have said, and he could not readjust himself backward with the lightening rapidity with which Letty had projected herself forward. He did not assimilate all in a minute.

When Mrs. Jerome's next invitation to dinner came, and did not include Letty—of whom, indeed, the intellectual genius had never heard—he accepted it, and he also found it quite impossible to break off his philosophical studies at such short notice.

Meantime an idea—one of her first serious ones—had been germinating in Letty's mind. Walter, who had never had an eye for anyone but herself, was attracted by that woman. Conversely that woman was attracted by Walter.

Therefore Walter must possess something which she had never discovered. What was it? She set to work to find out. Under that slow drawling manner, he could say humorously sarcastic things which made people laugh. Had she ever given him time to say them? In that plodding, unimaginative brain of his there seemed to be stored up cells of information about all sorts of current topics ready for use when needed. Had she ever drawn upon them? Was Walter still capable of elucidation by her, or did that woman alone hold the key to him?

If she did, she—Letty—would take an impression of the lock, and have a duplicate made.

Walter belonged to her. And if everything were turned upside down, and she had got to live up to Walter, why the sooner she began to learn how to do it the better it would be for all concerned.

Walter, as I have said, was a selfish brute, and kept his family on a very low financial basis. I believe he did have an aunt or something in the background whom he supported, and the usual younger brother to be helped through college. But that does not alter the fact that the family purse had been a lean one.

Just about now, however, a rich and gullible firm of publishers accepted the novel on modern life, which he had found to be on the whole, a better channel for his recent "Studies," than the essay form in which he had originally intended to incorporate them. "In the Swim" proved to be a "Best Seller," and the royalties on it left nothing to be desired.

Walter at once became An Author, and the insidious sweets of fame were added to the other unaccustomed delicacies which now bid fair to menace his mental digestion. However Walter, as you know was slow, and his apperceptive powers did not quite keep pace with the progress of his rapidly increasing subliminal impressions. In a word he had not fully caught on.

It was here that Letty's quick brain began to work overtime. No sooner had she fairly grasped the astounding fact that Walter—her slow, plodding, unsocial, humorless Walter—seemed to be by no means disqualified from playing the rôle of "A Man Living in Town Apart from his Wife," than her own course mapped itself out before her ready for prompt action. Clearly, Walter must be unlearned and learned over again with the greatest despatch; but more than this, the new Walter must be caught up with and his future attention focused on her own agreeable and stimulating personality, before he realized there had ever been any possibility of dissatisfying contrasts.

All this would require hard work, but Letty was not the girl to fail when once she saw what she had to do, and grass did not grow under her feet as she started in to reëstablish her own kingdom.

It was a little dinner in their new home on East 81st Street, that Walter suddenly became aware of a new sensation. Mrs. Jerome, the guest of honor, had been scintillating and listening by turns and he had had abundant opportunity of observing that the powder on her nose was not quite so even as usual, when he became aware that their conversation had become a duet, and that everyone else at the table was intent on a discussion in which the solo part seemed to come from the end just opposite him. How pretty and sparkling Letty always was! Everyone admired her! Good talker, too! By Jove, that was clever!

But how clever, you do not need to be assured. Walter never knew.

And now you see this has n't any point after all. It was n't worth the writing. Nothing happened. What? I? Oh, only one of the fellows who wanted to marry Letty.



DRAWN BY HOWARD V. BROWN

Sir Arthur.

An Affair of Art

BY CAMPBELL MAC CULLOCH

"There's nothin' like art," observed Mr. Simpson *apropos* of nothing in particular, and hoisted his gouty left foot, swathed in bandages, to an easier position on the red carpet hassock before him. "Nothin' in th' world like art. You take it from me, Larry, that when it comes down to cold cases, art is th' real thing, an' it don't cut much ice whether it's one kind or another. Just at this minute I'm contemplatin' somethin' that ought to go a leetle further towards addin' some gray hairs to Inspector Laughlin's head piece. But it's got to be art."

"Maybe you know just what you 're talking about, Sim," replied young Mr. James Forsyth Kingsley, languidly taking from his pocket his golden case and extracting one of his gold monogrammed cigarets, "but you'll pardon me if it looks but little clearer than so much mud from here. Suppose you open your sinful old heart and elucidate this sudden appreciation of the fine arts so I may come in and draw cards. And while you 're at it, you might as well let me understand what Laughlin, a most excellent policeman, has to do with it."

Mr. Simpson, genial, philanthropic, and humorously comfortable in appearance, sighed a trifle and nodded his hoary head gravely at the sherry decanter which stood by his elbow. Then he smiled as one who could afford to be lenient with the inexperience of youth. He was an inviting old personage was Mr. Simpson, astute beyond his kind, and though he had passed his grand climacteric by four years or more, his kindly gray eye had a depth to it that was comforting—to his *protegé* at least.

"With you young fellows, Larry," he said at last, "there's always a wholesome fear of the cops and what they can do, but when you get yourself up to my figure of years, you'll get next that the cops are here to be fooled, just like you and me has fooled them a few times already. That ain't got nothin' to do with what I was talkin' about though, except as a warnin' to you not to let Inspector Laughlin worry you no more than is necessary. He's never got our number yet, and by the time he does, that number will be " 23, " an' if he has a good telescope maybe he can read it on our backs."

And Mr. Simpson chuckled again with a mirth that seemed to shake his very toes; this was discomforting at least to the gouty one on the hassock, for he stopped and settled his benign features carefully.

"I said 'Art,' with a capital A, Larry," he remarked, "and it's Art I mean. You an' me are goin' to hunt around a bit and see what can be done in the way of turnin' an honest penny without injurin' our freedom. Diamonds is handy to have around th' house, an' such odds an' ends as we've picked up lately ain't to be despised, but for real elevatin' influence give me a good picture, an' that's what we 're goin' after."

"You old fraud," ejaculated Mr. Kingsley, "what in thunder would you do with a Velasquez, a Turner, or a Murillo, or even a Millais?"

"I don't know none of them guys," said Mr. Simpson with an air of finality. "I would n't recognize none of them if they come up and shook me by the hand, an' I would n't know old Mrs. Art herself if she come around a corner an' made signs at me, but I'm goin' to have a good picture an' you 're goin' to help me, an' it's good coin for both of us."

The decision with which Mr. Simpson made this speech impressed young Mr. Kingsley, for he at once discerned that his respected mentor had evolved another sure thing from somewhere and had been busy putting the finishing touches to the project before mentioning it, as was his wont.

"What's the game and where's it going to happen?" he asked at last.

"The game is Art and it's goin' to happen right here in New York, where all th' other good things come from, Larry, my boy. As I've told you many a time, it ain't worth while foolin' around th' country sellin' dinky little gold bricks to farmer guys. It's too cheap, an' besides, th' rubes is gettin' too fly. No, sir. When you want to put a real gold brick over th' plate, come right here to New York where th' good suckers grows on every bush, an' where th' police is th' greenest an' ripest of th' bunch. Three days ago I was readin' in a magazine about a guy what worked a flim-flam that ought to have went through, an' it hit me right where I lived because I'd been readin' of a new foreign come-on that had come here to run a picture gallery. This stunt I'm readin' about was worked like this.

"This geezer gets hold of a good paintin' and then gets a painter fellow to copy it for him. Then he frames the two in one frame. He puts th' good one in first and under it th' phoney copy. Th' sucker buys th' picture because he's a sharp on them things, and orders it sent home. Th' fly chap gets him to write his name on th' back of the picture so's he'd know there had n't been no shenanagin over a swop or anything like that, and then he lifts out th' real paintin' and sends the phoney along to th' sucker. This last guy can't make no kick because there was his name an' address where he had wrote it."

Mr. Kingsley stretched himself wearily in his chair and his face fell a trifle. Then he said:

"Sim, I'm ashamed of you. That old gag has been worked a dozen times right here in the fake picture auctions. My respected *pater* was buncoed that way once, and while he never knew how it was done, I've seen it mentioned a dozen or more times. You'll have to trim that up a little and putty up the cracks and the flaws in it, before you can sell it around here."

"There you go again," said Mr. Simpson easily. "Flyin' off th' handle like a girl that gets her first kiss. I'm positively sore on you, Larry. Sure and for fair I am. Don't you know me no better than to think I'd fool around with an old has-been of a stunt that I know has been worked to death, and that is so old I'd forgotten it? Now you listen to me, son, an' maybe you'll learn somethin'.

"In this here paper there's a yarn about this here foreign guy that's come over here to run this picture gallery that th' city owns. He's new in his job, an' it's a cinch that he's a goin' to make th' fur fly awhile. There ain't nothin' they got in th' art gallery that's good enough for him, an' th' first thing he's agoin' to do is to get in a new stock. I seem to remember that some years ago there was a picture pinched out of some guy's house over in England, an' that about three or four years ago the cops out in Chicago turned this picture up an' it was sent back to its owner. Somethin' you don't know is that this same



DRAWN BY HOWARD V. BROWN

"That number will be twenty-three."

picture was n't never turned back, but that a blamed good copy of it was, an' it was faked so well that it went through an' th' geezer that owned it ain't next now."

"What's that to got do with us?" demanded Mr. Kingsley impatiently.

"Why, just this. That new foreign guy knows that as well as I do, an' he believes th' real picture is right here in this country, an' between you an' me he's about nutty to get hold of it, not for th' little collection he's janitor of here, but for a big nob over in London."

"Well?" queried young Mr. Kingsley.

"We 're agoin' to sell him th' real picture," said Mr. Simpson, leaning forward and showing his teeth. "It's up to us to get that guy's small change, an' we 're agoin' to do it."

"Yes, but how?" asked the still dense Mr. Kingsley.

"Ah, that's what I'm a comin' to," replied Mr. Simpson with a satisfied smirk, and leaned back in his chair again, making a brief call on the sherry decanter by the way. "That's th' very point that's been botherin' me ever since I started in to think three days ago. We 're goin' to sell him th' real picture all right, but he ain't a-goin' to get it. He's goin' to buy it an' he's goin' to pay th' money for it, an' he's a-goin' to be put wise to somethin' he's been suspectin' all along, an' he's goin' to get his just as easy an' regular as all th' rest has got it."

"After you've done blatting about it," said Mr. Kingsley with some small irony, "perhaps you'll condescend to put me on to just how you 're going to accomplish this high class artistic feat."

"Don't you get nervous, Larry," begged Mr. Simpson with a grin. "I'll attend to all them details when I get around to it. All you got to do just this minute is to hustle out an' send a telegram to Jim Flannery that I want him."

"What's he got to do with this?" objected young Mr. Kingsley.

"He's got everything to do with it, my savage child," replied the ancient one. "He's got so much to do with it that if he don't come around here th' deal won't come off, an' you'll go out an' pike for small change. That's what."

Mr. Kingsley perceived the veiled threat that was concealed in this suave remark, and adopting for the moment an insouciance he was far from feeling, took his hat and coat and sallied forth.

While he was gone Mr. Simpson ruminated upon the task awaiting him, and drawing to him a portable writing desk proceeded to indite a letter, that when

finished, was addressed to Sir Arthur Minturn-Jones, American Art Museum, New York. Affixing a stamp Mr. Simpson laid the missive aside with a cheerful smile just as young Mr. Kingsley appeared in the doorway, slightly out of breath, and remarkably pallid about the mouth.

Mr. Simpson took in these signs quickly and inquired easily:

"What frightened our little playmate? Did he see the bogeyman?"

"Our dear friend, Mr. Inspector Laughlin, followed me during a rather exciting chase of three blocks which ended in a vacant lot near Long Acre Square—as far as he was concerned," said Mr. Kingsley with as much composure as he could manage. "I think he's still watching a basement window over there."

"Just as long as Laughlin is occupied in some other place I'm not worryin' none about you an' me," observed Mr. Simpson. "Now you sit down an' fergit th' inspector an' listen to me."

Mr. Kingsley seated himself in a chair and harkened very readily, for he was getting over his small fright. Mr. Simpson lighted a cigar and reposed at length in his chair and watched the smoke rise absently for a moment.

"I'm goin' to tell you what's goin' on, Larry," he said. "In th' first place you 're goin' to sit around here about two weeks an' practice up on bein' a first class sleuth. I mean a kind of secret agent with an English accent that sounds like Piccadilly Circus. In this here stunt we 're goin' after, you play an English secret agent, my son."

"What for?" demanded Mr. Kingsley apprehensively.

"Mostly because that's th' way I've got it doped out," said Mr. Simpson. "Here's your lay.

"You see this letter?" He held up the epistle he had just written. "When we get ready, you 're goin' to call on this gent, an' explain to him that you 're on th' track of th' missin' picture. I'll coach you up on it's history. You'll tell his nobs that you can put your finger on it, but that you can't reach th' guy that's got it, because he's leery of you. Then you'll steer him against me, an' I'll sell it to him. I'm an old cove that's held onto this picture for ten year, an' I got it honest an' by accident. See?"

"But where does Flannery come in?" asked young Mr. Kingsley.

"He's th' mug that's got th' real article," said Mr. Simpson. "Some day I'll tell you how he come to get hold of it, but it's too long for now."

"And you 're going to sell him the real picture?" asked Mr. Kingsley.

"Prezactly," replied Mr. Simpson, with a beaming eye. "I'm goin' to sell him th' real goods, but first I'm goin' to show him th' old gag with the copy. He's goin' to take th' real paintin' and carry it off with him—he thinks."

Mr. Simpson would explain no more at this time, and devoted himself to general conversation touching the asininity of the the police and the gullibility of "wise" men of the eastern metropolis. During the talk he propounded many sage truths and much good advice which he accentuated with some sage words of warning. After dinner was over—which by the way they prepared themselves—they sat down again to await the coming of Mr. James Flannery, the custodian of the stolen painting. An hour or so went by before the ring at the bell proclaimed a visitor, and Mr. Kingsley soon after ushered in the expected guest.

From this point the conversation lasted until well into the morning, and when it was finished, Mr. Flannery lay down on the sofa and shrieked in high glee.

"Ain't he th' money, this old snoozer?" he gurgled, indicating the placid countenance of Mr. Simpson, who sat and smirked at him from over his gouty foot. "Ain't he just th' limit? Oh I guess Gran'pa Simpson don't know nothin'. He's just a little infant in a carriage out on th' sidewalk, he is."

Again Mr. Flannery gave way to uncontrollable mirth and waved his legs in the air with sheer appreciation.

It was two weeks later that Sir Arthur Minturn-Jones, the newly appointed curator of the American Art Museum, sat in his office and harkened to the familiar accents of a young man who poured into his ear a gladsome tale of a quest almost ended. Needless to say, this young man

was young Mr. Kingsley, carefully attired in the most pronounced British style, and with an accent that could bear the acid test with impunity.

"Er-I had always suspected the picture to be in New York," said Sir Arthur contemplatively. "Er—I'm pleased that my belief has been sustained. You say you have discovered the individual in whose possession it now is?"

"I have him under surveillance, Sir Arthur," replied Mr. Kingsley modestly, "but he knows I'm only an agent, sir, and he closes up tight, sir, when I go deeper with him. He knows all about you, sir, and he's aware that you hold a commission from your-er-principal, sir, to pay a price for it."

"Most remarkable affair all around, this, you know," remarked Sir Arthur. "Most remarkable. I positively had no idea the-er-er-my principal had entrusted the task of discovering the picture to a detective. I'm gratified that we stand a chance to recover it, and I'd like to meet this-er person you speak of at once."

"That can easily be arranged, Sir Arthur," replied young Mr. Kingsley, suavely. His rendition of the character was quite good enough to deceive the new curator, and that estimable gentleman never for an instant suspected the engaging young man with the gentle manners to be other than he represented himself. It was indeed more than likely that his principal in England had engaged a detective to locate the missing picture, for it was positively necessary that no hint should get out that anyone had been rude enough to bilk a peer of the realm with a copy of a famous painting.

"Then I may depend upon you to arrange a meeting between us?" asked Sir Arthur, dropping his *pince nez* to the limit of its cord.

"I can do that without trouble, Sir Arthur," replied young Mr. Kingsley. "I've not sounded the old person on his demands as far as money goes, but I suppose you will attend to all that."

"Er-of course, of course," said Sir Arthur. "Our-er-er-principal has given me *carte blanche* in the matter, and he will go to £20,000 if it is necessary."

Young Mr. Kingsley almost swooned with astonishment. His conversations during the last two weeks on the subject had led him to believe that $25,000 was about the limit they could hope to get, and here the curator was cooly mentioning one hundred thousand as his limit. Before he left he had agreed to call for Sir Arthur in a carriage the next morning at 10 o'clock, and conduct him to the mysterious old gentleman who had control of the famous painting.

Mr. Kingsley had been much perturbed in his mind as to the genuineness of the painting for some time, and he could not quite understand why a gentleman of Mr. Flannery's attainments should have obtained such a valuable work, and made no attempt to turn it into needful currency. This had been explained to him however on the ground that Mr. Flannery had run across it by accident, and had been unaware of what he held, only discovering the value of his possession after Mr. Simpson had viewed it. Then he had agreed to leave the disposal of the painting to his astute compatriot, and the opportunity had but now arisen.

Mr. Kingsley called for the curator as agreed upon the next morning, and conducted him to a neatly furnished apartment that overlooked Riverside Drive and the Hudson River, where he explained the elderly connoisseur who had the picture lived. They were ushered into the drawing room of the apartment and sat down to wait for—Mr. Simpson. That wily personage appeared within a minute and greeted them both effusively. He was a careful old person and looked the part to perfection. All the crafty look he was possessed of had disappeared and his childlike countenance would have inspired respect in a graven image. It would be impossible to reproduce with any degree of fidelity the remarkable dialect he made use of to cover his lingual deficiencies, but it may be said at once it was highly successful. Questioned closely, he preserved the most remarkable calmness and with a degree of chronological accuracy that was little short of marvelous he related a weird tale to account for its being in his possession.

"Er-you understand, Mr. er—Flint," observed Sir Arthur, "that it is a prime



DRAWN BY HOWARD V. BROWN

Mr. Flint gave himself to cogitation.

requisite that I should view the—er—painting with a view to satisfying myself that it is indeed the genuine article, and that the—er-unfortunate mistake of a few years ago may not be repeated."

Mr. Simpson would be only too pleased to exhibit the painting, and he would forthwith hasten to get it. He would remark at once, however, that it was in a somewhat peculiar position, and that Sir Arthur would doubtless recognize an old trick with picture sharpers when he saw it.

He at once retired from the room and returning, begged Sir Arthur to accompany him to the next room where the painting was on exhibition. Sir Arthur moved with rather more alacrity than could be expected of a man of his age, and he was evidently only too glad of the opportunity. They went, and there upon the

dining room table reposed a cheap picture frame, and in it apparently reposed the famous portrait. Sir Arthur approached it quickly and gazed at it searchingly. Then he stepped back with a frown upon his face.

"That is merely another badly executed copy," he exclaimed petulantly.

Real grief was apparent in the eyes of Mr. Simpson. It was only too evident that he was deeply pained at the imputation to his honesty. One would almost have expected him to wipe away a tear or two.

"I thought I had explained," he ventured, tremulously, "that an old trick of picture dealers was here made use of. Evidently you have misunderstood me. I will show you."

Deftly he turned the picture over, and, loosening the small tacks that held it in the frame, lifted it out. Dexterously removing half a dozen thumb tacks around the edges, he revealed another portrait underneath the copy, and Sir Arthur, with quite a squeal of delight, bent his eyeglasses upon it.

"Ah, that is different," he exclaimed, while Mr. Simpson bestowed a wink of exceeding solemnity upon young Mr. Kingsley, who stood at a respectful distance. "That is without doubt the real picture."

Carrying it to the light he examined it carefully and long. There was a scruntiny such as would do credit to a detective looking for spurious currency. With a long sigh of delight he returned to the table, and laid the picture down.

"I cannot tell you how gratified I am Mr.—er-Flint," he said. "I had almost despaired of success, and while I had no surety that the protrait was in New York, I am gratified to discover that my theory was correct. We now come to the—er-question of—er-terms. If I may ask, what is your price for returning this painting to its—er-owner?"

Mr. Simpson bent his head in apparent thought for a moment, and gave himself over to deep cogitation. Then he spoke.

He would be only too happy to serve the cause of art by returning the painting to its rightful owner, but he was a man of small income; he had spent some time and trouble in recovering the portrait from the thieves who had concealed it, and it had been by the merest accident that he had succeeded. He dwelt upon the fondness he had for the British nation, and then mentioned with scorn the overtures that had been made to him by a prominent financier who had but recently returned a sacred relic to the Italian government. He dwelt upon all this with real feeling, and young Mr. Kingsley was moved to admiration for his chief.

It is hardly necessary to go through the conversation that ensued. Forewarned as he was, Sir Arthur would pay to the limit set for him by his principal the bargaining could have but one result, and it had that precise result, minus $5,000.

Then there followed the trouble of payment. Mr. Simpson had, it appeared, an unalterable objection to checks, drafts, and such mediums of exchange. He was an old man; it was so easily that he might be deceived; and he was contemplating a journey. He knew little of banks, and so on *ad infinitum*.

It was finally arranged that Sir Arthur should return on the morrow with the amount in bills, and they parted, though it was with regret that the curator permitted himself to depart without his prize.

When he was gone there were many mutual expressions of regard passed between Mr. Simpson and Mr Kingsley. Mr. Flannery was communicated with and expressed keen delight at the progress of the deal, for he explained he had some doubts of its ultimate success. That night was given over to maturing the plans for the morrow and some sleep, for Sir Arthur was to return at 11 o'clock.

Promptly upon the hour he returned with a black handbag in which reposed the currency that was to be transferred, and he was nervous and excited. The formalities were gone through with exceeding simplicity, and when Sir Arthur left, he carried with him to the cab the precious picture, which had been left, at Mr. Simpson's suggestion, in precisely the condition it was first shown him. It would be interesting to show his principal, etc., and Sir Arthur hailed the suggestion with delight. He drove away with his prize and Mr. Simpson, Mr. Kingsley, and Mr.

Flannery gazed after the cab as it hurried down the drive. It was a pathetic moment. Two hours later, the handsome apartment was entirely deserted.

Arrived at his offices in the museum, Sir Arthur carried his treasure into his private room, and summoned one or two of his assistants. He was going to show them the result of his bargaining, and he had reason to be pround of it, he believed. The paper wrapping was undone,



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Mr. Simpson, Mr. Kingsley, and Mr. Flannery laughed over their little joke.

the picture removed and exhibited. There was an air of astonishment as the copy was exposed, but with a lordly wave of his hand, Sir Arthur turned the frame over and removed the tacks. Then he took out the thumb tacks and pulled off the copy. He was about to show the real picture. His assistants with interest watched him turn pale, gasp for breath, and sink almost fainting in his office chair. They turned to the portrait—and discovered another very badly executed copy where the real portrait should have been. It was exceedingly pitiful in every way.

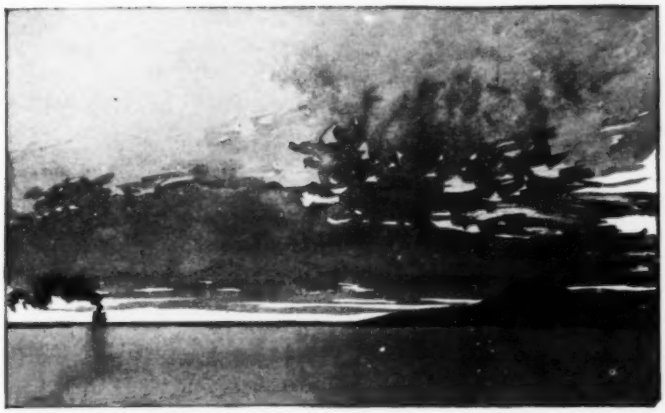
In their snug apartment Mr. Simpson, Mr. Kingsley, and Mr. Flannery laughed gleefully over their little joke.

"There's only one trouble about this here game," remarked Mr. Simpson.

"What's that, oh master of grafts?" asked young Mr. Kingsley.

"We won't be able to sell that picture again for at least three years," and Mr. Simpson sighed heavily. "I'd try it on him again tomorrow, only he'd get next that we switched frames on him; and he's wise now that there's three copies goin' around, and that he's got two of them."

Over the feelings of Sir Arthur it is kinder to draw gently, the veil of charity, for a strong man in his grief is a pitiable object.



DRAWN BY GUSTAVUS C. WIDNEY

And you shall sail over seas of purple and silver.

The Pearl of Bayamon

BY ROSELLE M. DAVIS

Concepción is on the way to Romblon—if you take that route. You must be able to show to your department head reason sufficient to alter all his notions of insular geography, and if your power of tongue has been great and it happens that nothing has rubbed Head the wrong way within the twenty-four hours just preceding, it shall be yours to go to Romblon by way of Concepción. And you shall sail over seas of purple and silver, catch glimpses of green island vistas, and in the late afternoon of the second day slip into the portals of Paradise. And a *baranca* with four brown paddlers shall set you on a shore where a thousand nodding palms shall rattle you a welcome and in the breeze the plantains rustle like a lady's silks.

I went that way to Romblon once, because at Concepción were stationed certain men whom I loved. C company of a regular regiment I knew was at Concepción, under orders for the States. I was bound to Romblon for a three years' stay, and none could say whether we should ever meet again in this changing world where Chance is god and mankind drifts like leaves before a gale.

It has been the policy of certain ones who bear some such title as "general staff" to send out troops to the Philippines and when these troops have become sufficiently acquainted with the people to be able to live among them without friction, immediately to order home these men and replace them with new drafts who must begin all anew to learn the ways of the land.

These new men are bound, in the very nature of things, to trample more or less upon the sensibilities of the natives, some of whose customs are sacred. Wherefore, the "benevolently assimilated" are kept in a delightful state of irritation which eventually culminates in trouble, when the troops are compelled to shoot a few of them and the cable reports another "uprising among the natives." Quite right. A similar long-headed policy would incite an uprising in Brooklyn.

C company I found loafing, scantily clad, upon the hill which overlooks the town and harbor. Between the company and the people of Concepción was peace. Because their captain was wiser than most, and C company ate only such fruit and eggs as had been honestly purchased, the brown ones had come to know them as men who kept faith faithfully and kept the peace forcibly and did not terrify the little brown kiddies who plucked at the legginstrings of the big, blue-shirted men who walked smiling and unafraid in the market of Concepción.

C company welcomed me according to its several natures: the men heartily; Ginger, the incorrigible little windjammer, hilariously; and Chesney, the good, gray captain, courteously, as befitted the truest, most gallant gentleman I have ever known.

Supper I took with the captain in his quarters overlooking the town, and when the *muchacho* had cleared away the plates we sat in the dusk with our *cigarillos*, looking down on the twinkling lights of the town while the fireflies flashed in the pepper tree beneath the window and the little lizards chirruped on the walls.

And now I asked for one I had not seen: McCabe, the trim first sergeant, who was, indeed, the one I particularly wished to see. My friendship for him dated from the stirring days of the volunteers, before Calumpit, when together we had "hiked" across the ricefields of Pampanga, fought in the mud of the great Candaba swamp, and knew intimately the kicking devils that lurk in the butt of a Springfield .45.

Chesney studied the ash of his *cigarillo* long before he answered. Said he:

"It's bothering me. McCabe's enlistment expired a day or so ago, and when I went at him to take on again he said he'd have a look around first, and he started this morning on a trip inland, shooting, he said. Now you know as well as I, that, save the little monkeys, which no man will shoot, and an occasional *manuk del monte* (mountain chicken), which no man can shoot, there's no more game around here than there is at Fort Meyer.

"Since he left I have learned some things which are disturbing me. When McCabe went away he tried to purchase his rifle. The Krag, as you know, cannot be sold, but I took the responsibility of loaning him his rifle, with a couple hundred rounds, upon his promise to return the gun within the week."

"Then he'll be back in seven days," I said. McCabe's word I have never known broken; but it grieved me. For me to remain a week in Concepción was not among things possible.

"I only wish I were as sure," said Chesney, "but I'm not. He was hardly out of sight before the company, with Ginger as spokesman, came to me with a long story about McCabe and the Pearl of Bayamon. Said it was a 'lead pipe cinch' that he had gone to Bayamon, that's six miles down the coast, and wound up by demanding that I send out and intercept him. The men have been swearing at me all day because I could n't see my way quite clear to do as they asked. But if he did go down there he'll be hurt—bad—before we can ever reach him."

The thought of McCabe, the time-expired man, his own master, permitting himself to be arrested on the road and returned to quarters like a recruit who is absent without leave, and that by the very boys he had licked into soldiers, made me laugh.

"It is as well you did n't let them go after him," I said. "Some of them would have come home badly marked. But McCabe is not going to steal any of the brownies' jewelry. If this pearl thing were as big as the Kohinoor he is no thief."

"I beg your pardon," said Chesney. "I forgot you are a stranger here. This pearl thing, as you call her, is a girl—a lady, if you please—and it is not at all unlikely that McCabe will visit Bayamon."

"Shucks!" I snorted. "Is he a two-year-old? A week away from duty will send him back on the run, crazy to get into harness again. And give the man credit for better taste than to form any lasting attachments for the brown *belles*."

"There you go again," said Chesney. "Do you remember up at Aparri, the one the natives called 'the Rose of Cagayan?' and Batangas has a 'pearl;' but the Lady Ysabel of Bayamon makes them look like has-beens. A Spanish *mestiza*, and you know what that implies. Why, man, the natives kneel by the roadside when she passes. She's an orphan; father killed in the insurrection of '96; mother died last year and the girl lives now with an uncle who worships her as a saint—educated in Spain and all that."

"And McCabe a common soldier-man," I mused. "Likely story, that."

"All the same that common soldier-man saved the Lady Ysabel from capture at the hands of Isidor the Ladrone, last fall," said the captain.

"Um-m. Pipe's going again?" I inquired politely.

"He did, I tell you. Isidor's band



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A girl sprang into the road.

jumped the town one morning, seized a lot of women and loot and put for the hills. As soon as we heard of it of course we started. When we overtook the outfit Isidor left his men to make *combate* while he took the Pearl lady and broke for the jungle. But he was too slow. McCabe ran him down and then ran him through and restored the girl to her uncle, all in due form. That uncle simply overloaded Mac with thanks and presents but the girl just looked her gratitude. I watched McCabe pretty closely, but he side-stepped their thanks and I felt he was safe. I don't believe he has seen her since, but the men declare that from something they saw they are sure he headed straight for Bayamon. The young natives are madly jealous of her, and they will make it uncomfortable for whoever wins her, and doubly so if he be a white man. I surely wish the fool were back in quarters."

"Sleep over it," I said. "He'll come back all right;" but my heart misgave me and it was long after we crept beneath our mosquito nets before sleep came to either of us.

We were at breakfast next morning when Ginger rushed into the room, never pausing to salute, and burst out:

"Oh, captain! McCabe's *muchacho's* down in quarters. He says Mac's in trouble down to Bayamon. He's run all the way an' can't hardly talk, but 'e says 'e's got the goil an' is fightin' the whole town an' can't we go an' help 'im, please?"

Before the bugler had finished his incoherent speech the captain was hooking his sword-belt.

"Here, you," he snapped. "Stop turning hand-springs in here. Go tell Sergeant Gamble to have a couple of squads ready with rifle, belt, and canteen. Then give my compliments to Lieutenant Burns and ask him to be on the parade in about a minute. And stop that war dance. Hear me?"

I looked, and longed, and as Chesney turned his eyes met mine.

"All right," he said. "You'll find extra kits in the room back. Come along, but hurry."

When I reached the parade a section stood leaning on their rifles while the captain gave a final word of instruction to the lieutenant, who turned to quell an incipient mutiny of sixty-odd men, each loudly advancing his claim to a place among the lucky sixteen.

"Fours, right!" and we swung into the yellow dust of the Bayamon road.

The early dew hung on leaves and grass and the sea-breeze blew fresh across the trail. I quickly caught the old familiar swing of the route-step. My canteen smote me on the hip with friendly cadence and my bayonet swiped against my leg as in the good gone days.

In less than an hour two-thirds of the six miles had slipped away beneath the feet of the detachment, and away in our front an exaggerated corn-popper sputtered and snapped. The men broke into a run without command. *He-e-eu-eu-u* lisped a Mauser ball far overhead; then another. We were arriving.

"Must be more 'n a hundred of 'em, from the firin'," gasped a panting private, "an' they 're shootin' at the sun, as usual," as a flight of whimpering deaths sprinkled us with leaves from the bamboo that fringed the trail.

Nearer and nearer sounded the popping until we could distinguish the snap of McCabe's Krag-Jorgensen, and the captain groaned.

"He's working too far to our left," he said. "As skirmishers, bear to the left."

Ginger's trumpet leaped to his lips and the shrill *staccato* of First Sergeants' Call started a hundred echoes:

Come up here, you diamond-backs:
Come up here, you diamond-backs.

"That's 'is own call," said the boy. "He'll know from that we 're coming."

And, in truth, we could soon tell by the sound of his rifle that our man was moving more in our direction. The men opened out and dashed on recklessly. The captain, with the trumpeter and myself, kept to the road, the men deployed on either side.

The noise of the firing seemed now almost upon us and we got occasional glimpses of figures in the jungle ahead, but peer as we would we caught no sight of McCabe, though we knew he must be near.

Then the jungle parted suddenly and a girl sprang into the road not fifty paces in

our front. Her dress was that of the wealthier upper-class Visayans, but her face was wax-white, and I needed not the exclamation of the bugler at my side to be sure I looked on the Pearl of Bayamon. She ran slowly, as they run who are totally spent, but as she saw us there in the road she flung out her arms in a gesture of despairing appeal and came on with renewed strength.

In the brief interval before the scene changed I noted the delicacy of those terror-stricken features, the small and finely-kept hands, the many evidences of refinement which not even the native garb could conceal and I wondered no more at McCabe's infatuation. The girl was all that Chesney had pictured—and more.

Out from the undergrowth leaped a dozen half-naked devils in pursuit, but seeing us they fired a hasty volley down the trail and took cover in the thicket.

A look of pained bewilderment flashed into the face of the fleeing girl, she sagged slowly forward and with hands clutching at the empty air staggered and pitched upon her face, not a dozen yards from safety. We knew before we reached her that she was dead. All unheeding the bullets which kicked the dust about him in little yellow fountains Chesney stooped and laid his campaign hat over the tangles of her hair.

Then he straightened himself and called: "Come, boys! We'll drive 'em to hell!" And the men went—like boys to a playground scuffle.

Through it all I had looked vainly for McCabe, but now I saw him, dogged, savage, beating through underbrush; turning now and again to fight fiercely when the natives pressed too closely. They were a hundred to him alone, but I believe the horde shrank as much from the flash of his eye as from the spurt of the rifle he carried. Indeed, he was firing but slowly, husbanding his cartridges to the last. As we came up to him he backed into our midst and paused with his rifle at the "ready."

His eyes wandered over the jungle, searching for some one in the swarm of assailants, and as he threw his weapon up, following the line of his sight my eye caught the gaudy color of a chief's shirt. As the wisp of haze curled from the muzzle the gaudy native spun out from the thicket and went down.

McCabe turned away. "That damned Antonio," he said. "He started all this row." And he seemed to take no further interest in the fight, which the relief squad was now prosecuting tumultously.

Chesney spoke to me hastily: "He must not find her there. Keep him back;" but McCabe had already turned into the road and almost stepped upon the figure of the girl. Dumb he stood for a moment, then dropped into the road-dust and gathered the lifeless form into his arms, calling to her with every endearing term in three tongues—Spanish, English, and Visayan.

At last he gave up talking and sat holding the body, smoothing the inky hair, and wiping the dust from her face.

The men straggled in from the fight with belts awry and scabbards dangling between their legs. Before the scene in the road they stood in awed silence or turned away to curse softly. The soldier is not a man of large sentiment, notwithstanding the numerous topical songs wherein he is otherwise represented, and under stress of strong emotion he swears for the same reason that his betters weep—as a relief for over-wrought nerves—and once you have heard him under such conditions you respect him the more thereafter.

It seemed hours that we stood there while the man rocked silently in the road, still holding the stiffening form of the girl who, to follow him, had given up family and friends and life.

The tension became something unbearable and Chesney gripped me by the arm.

"For God's good sake say something to him. We must get him up from there or he'll die. Speak to him, man!"

In the end we got him up and then we buried the girl by the trail, for in that land the dead are dead and it is well that the anguish of the living be not prolonged. The captain repeated the Lord's Prayer and as much of the burial service as he could recall and we went back down the trail to Concepción. Through it all McCabe stood in stony silence or moved like a man who dreams.

In the evening he came to the captain's quarters, Gamble walking at his left.

"Captain," said McCabe, "you was speaking to me a day back about taking on again. Well, sir, if you are still of that mind, I'm ready."

Chesney rose and there was none of the officer about him as he gripped the other by the hand. Man to man they stood and Gamble coughed huskily. My own chin quivered and I am not ashamed. When two strong men stand thus the angels in Heaven bend down to see.

"All right, McCabe. I will have your papers ready in the morning. And Mac, old man, I'm sorry—sorry." That was all.

"Thank you, sir. I know you feel for a fellow. And all the boys, too, but I guess it's like a gunshot; it has n't begun to sting yet."

"And captain," put in Gamble. "Now that McCabe's back I can be relieved from acting first, can't I?"

"While he is with me, Gamble," said the captain, "McCabe is First Sergeant of C company, but I want you to know that if it were not he it would be yourself. If the sergeant cares to take up his duties in the morning you may be excused. If he does n't feel up to it for a day or two you'll not mind?"

As the two left the room I joined them and we walked down through the town and out upon the beach. Dusk was falling and in the stillness the wavelets tinkled on the shingle.

"McCabe," I said, "would it make it easier if you told us about it?"

Gamble looked at me meaningly and applied his clenched fist to the region of his short ribs, but McCabe caught the pantomime.

"You will not," he said. "Him and me has been friends longer 'n you and me. He meant it right, but boys, I'd liever not. It's too new yet. Maybe sometime, but not now."

He turned away and dry-eyed stared into the purpling twilight. And down from the hill behind us floated the silver tenderness of Tattoo, sweetest of all the day's trumpet calls. The whole of Ginger's dissolute little soul was in the strains.



DRAWN BY GUSTAVUS C. WIDNEY

Calling her by every endearing term in three languages.

The Night of the Recital

BY RAYMOND LEE HARRIMAN

The dark color-scheme, deep, melancholy browns, lusterless greens, dull golds, blended somberly into an alien atmosphere, and gave to the eye a vague spaciousness which the concert hall did not possess in real dimension. Upon the bare, unfurnished stage, paneled in a strict straightness of lines, the white keys of the concert grand gleamed mutely in the intense effulgence beating upon them from a low pendant chandelier of wrought metal that burst into a confined myriad-glitter like an incandescent bouquet. This was the one isolated strong light. In the auditorium the source of light could not be determined, so soft and diffused it was that it seemed to be spun and woven mysteriously through the space itself.

Glenn had no appreciation for these aesthetics; such contemplative arrangements had not enough of stir in them to arouse one who was conscious of life more through an abundance of physical energy than through an interpretative intellect. His attention was held more by the fashionable, brilliantly-dressed women who streamed down the aisles, their elaborate evening toilets set off by the formal black and white of their escorts, and his mind busied itself with comparisons. He was at that stage where all other women are weighed critically according to the One—and the one was sitting beside him now.

He was proud to be with her; proud to to be seen publicly with her; and every covert glance at her enchanced his pleasure. In the evening she was always at her best, the color a bit more heightened, the head held erect with that air of alert intelligence. And the facile way she shed her wraps was always a supreme delight to him, dropping them from her in that graceful, leisurely fashion, and emerging, tall, glorious, even regal. It was at these moments that Glenn felt her as unattainable; that the love he bore seemed so poor and inadequate.

Her hands were folded in her lap indolently clasping her program, and the gazing eyes betrayed the introspective mind. Glenn knew very well the fabric of this introspection, and it disturbed him. He wanted to talk, but beside her quiet reserve he had already been extremely voluble, and he had sense enough to refrain from jostling her mood too uncouthly. He wished she would say something and defer the contention behind that forehead until some other time, when he was not beside her.

"A crowd of fellows has gone down to 'Pop' Wheeler's camp," he said, half meditatively. "I'll bet they'll have good fun—they always do down there. It's glorious at this time of year, when the leaves are changing—nice crowd of chaps, too. No dressing for dinner; wear your sweater. I can see that big steak on the table now. Then afterwards we sit around and smoke and tell stories and play po—"

"If you so regret missing it," interrupted a clear, well bred voice, "why are you here?"

"You know why I'm here, Elizabeth: it's because—because you are. Of course I'm not really enthusiastic about sitting here an hour and a half listening to a fellow play a piano—*Cavalleria Rusticana* ground out by a *dago* is the best-ever music to me; and when it comes to Beethoven—did I say that right?—and Chopin, I'm lost in the fog. But you know that I'm only too glad to be with you, even if the stage show is a bit tame. Why, if you said so, I'd go down to the Garden and ride in the swan-boats."

"Don't be absurd."

"I only want to impress you that I'm still content to stand as an old friend of the family and expect to be treated no better than such."

His half-serious flippancy had no common tone with her mood: that was most apparent. How could he become attuned to her? He wished that he had a little more temperament instead of muscle.

"Somehow, Felix," she was saying with that characteristic candor of hers, "you

have annoyed me tonight." Good Lord! didn't he know it! "I wish you would take a serious interest in some art—music, painting, literature."

"I like Sherlock Holmes," he grinned.

"You will never believe me how much an appreciation of these refines one's perceptions; how much more full it makes the day's life; how much it redeems one from being common."

"And I'm common," inferred Glenn.

"You 're very good-looking."

"Thank you."

"And I can tell you this harmlessly because you 're not vain."

"Thank you."

"You ride very well."

"Thank you."

"At tennis you 're superb."

"Thank you."

"But you have no soul."

"Huh!"

"You 're the most earthly man I know."

"Have n't any soul?" he retorted good-naturedly. "I'll take a chance that I have one all right: but I'm not all the time trying to catch it in a butterfly net and to pick it to pieces to see what it's made of. If I do the right thing I guess my soul won't be warped much and will take care of itself."

"I can't see how people can hope for a heaven when they deliberately blind their eyes to the beautiful things of earth."

"Who said that?" asked Felix with a reckless indiscretion—"Wachter?"

She made no reply, but Glenn could feel that her eyes were rebuking him. Of course he ought not to have said it; perhaps she really cared for the fellow. If so, it would hurt—it had hurt: Glenn could feel. He had not intended to be malicious; he was only joking; already he was sorry.

"I say, Beth," he began, "if what I said was wrong—was wrong—"

A loud applause burst through the auditorium. Elizabeth leaned forward depriving Glenn of her attention. A door at the rear of the stage was swung open by unseen hands. Wachter appeared. The door closed noiselessly. Wachter strode to the front, tall, thin almost to emaciation, his coat swinging with the impetuous movement. Louder grew the clapping. He bowed: a quick, nervous sweep. The applause reverberated to a climax. He parted his coat-tails and took his place in the chair before the piano. A hush fell upon the audience: silence, awesome, hanging, yes, exaggerated, as of breathless worshipers at the fount of some grand resonance.

Adjusting his chair an infinitesimal distance to the left, he dropped his hands upon the keyboard, and—then folded them in his lap once more with an ostentation of patience. The inevitable late-comers rustled down the aisles. Wachter's eyes flashed a command to the rear of the hall that the ushers close the doors. Again he placed his hands upon the keys. The strong focus of light threw into relief his face like a pallored sculpture, the long, melancholy jaw, the broad, thin-lipped mouth, and drowsy-lidded eyes.

The first note thrilled out.

Wachter's prestige rested, for the greater part, on his Chopin playing, and the program this evening was made up wholly of that composer's works. He displayed Chopin as the lyricist, as a man absorbed in the shimmering web of his own soul, singing of his own emotions with the delight, not of inspired and associated thought, but rather the delight of the emotions for themselves. Yet the loftier, purer spirit was sustained through all, and in only a few passages did Wachter lose himself to the basely sensuous. The velvet, moody *etudes*; the mazurkas flaunting amorously, scarf-like, their colors upon the breeze; *nocturnes*, crystal caskets of melody; cameo preludes; waltzes, and the "Polonaise in A-flat major" with its rhythm that seized upon the blood and beat it until it leapt—in all these, however diverse in their own immediate variation, Wachter preserved a unity of impression which stamped the whole with the one distinct, creative genius of Chopin. None of those fine surface effects were neglected: the weaving of those wide, extended intervals, the subdued iridescence of modulation, the continual luminous shift and play of tone, were brought out with a master's mind and technique. Wachter's tone, too, had some of the very essence of Chopin. It was round, soft, full, with a depth of languorous flame like drops of rare liquor, shading



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He was proud to be seen publicly with her.

into minute and subtle nuances, perfectly controlled, never losing its fine quality and charm even in *fortissimo* passages. The impression of the whole program was of interpretation of one artist by another equally endowed and in perfect sympathy.

Glen could hardly wait for the first intermission to renew his apology and get it off his mind; and, when Wachter had been recalled three times, and the applause lessened, he launched into it impetuously.

"It was rather rude and unkind of me Beth—you'll forgive me won't you?"

To his surprise she smiled graciously and said, "Yes."

Yet there was something about the manner that gave him more discomfort than relief, which made him feel that he had overestimated the importance of the

offence. He wished the recital were over.

At the end the demonstration burst its bounds. The audience arose to its feet, everyone clapping wildly, desperately, for an extra number; and when at last Wachter granted it and again sat before the piano some sank back to their seats gratified, others still stood expectantly.

He had played but a few measures when Elizabeth recognized the number. It was one of his own compositions, a simple "*Lied ohne Worte*," tripartite in form, a miniature of his own temperament. During his call the evening before he had played it to her and told her that she had inspired it—yes, told her many other things that still rang in her ears. With this knowledge the music bore an especial significance to her: it seemed as if he were playing to her alone, almost as if she were the only one who understood. The principal theme was an unembellished melody, simple but evasive; an episode followed in dazzling *staccato* and swirling, extreme *tempo*, all over before one hardly realized, leaving only the flash of scintillating fingers to the eye and the rare sense of some delectable dimpling of the soul. The finish was the return of the first theme and a few buoyant reminiscent measures of *coda crescendo*, as if piling joy upon joy to the very height of ecstasy, and then—cadenced in the minor to a kind of sob.

Elizabeth had remained standing, and as Wachter played she began to fold her program into little plaits. When the last tone quivered away into silence she was still folding her program into little plaits.

Afterwards she was vaguely aware of being assisted with her wraps, of bowing mechanically to acquaintances in the crush on the stairway through which Glenn was guiding her; then, a cold, reviving blast of air and the carriage.

One foot was on the step when she decided. It was grateful, this lessening resistance which followed the decision; it was relief to know that she had cast herself irretrievably one way, whether that way were best or not.

She turned to Glenn.

"I've forgotten something," she told him.

He was ready to fetch it.

No; she would go herself; served her right for such carelessness. She smiled—a guilty, painted smile she felt it was—and was gone swiftly back into the crowd.

She was dimly conscious of hearing the clang and rumble of fire apparatus, more as an intensified note of her own inner agitation than an outside noise, and of Glenn beckoning to her to come and see the fire-engines. That was just like him, she thought a bit contemptuously, this puerile excuse to persuade her to come back.

Next she was ascending the nearly deserted stairway, passing a few chatting groups on the way. At the top she merely glanced at the empty auditorium and hurried down the corridor at the right. At the farther end a door opened into a still narrower passage and in this her steps quickened almost to a run. An abrupt turn and the passage ended in spiral, iron stairs which wound downward to the rear of the stage. A few more steps and she faced the door of the musician's retiring-room. Her heart was fluttering as she knocked.

When the door was flung open a pungent odor of cigaret-smoke filled her nostrils and Wachter uttered her name.

"I've lied to come here," were her first panting words to cover her confusion, "I've lied."

He tossed back his hair with his long, pallid fingers and laughed in a way that plainly showed his pleasure.

"Always your conscience," he said, drawing up a chair for her.

She dropped into it and began to gaze around the room, a bare room with a few chairs, a table, and an upright piano against the wall. For a moment she saw her act in an unequivocal light as of one who stands aside and views objectively; then everything closed in once more. Again he was laughing in a way that affected her a trifle unpleasantly. Perhaps it was the excitement.

"I felt I ought to come," she went on, controlling her voice with difficulty; "it was my duty if—if I cared. When one is loved—I— You said it would give you strength. It was my duty to tell you before you went away to stay so long a time; and this was the last chance. I ought

not withhold it from you even against—"

"Against the conscience," he repeated.

Now that she had placed herself completely in his hands a quaver of doubt passed through her. She realized strongly now that she was alone with him, that conventions had been thrown aside; she knew that many men could be trusted, but not which men. If he had changed since last night? Who can foretell the shift of a heart? A flush surged to her cheeks.

"Yes," he was murmuring softly as if to himself, "yes, you love me."

Then he plunged forward on his knees before her, clasping her hands with his hot, dry fingers.

"Do you know what this means to me!" he poured forth passionately. "Inspiration! Courage! Almost a new soul! It was to be a long, weary tour; play, play, play; travel, travel, travel—now 'twill be all changed. There'll be no weariness; and if there should be 'twill be a joy as long as it is for you. Ah! how I will work! How I will play! For you, Elizabeth!"

The depth of his vows, she thought, would be felt more if they had been made more quietly; but this was no time for fine discriminations. His face was turned full upon her, the long slits of eyes glinting electrically.

"My greatest gratitude is for your not mentioning the past. I have erred, deliberately, and wilfully too, I will admit; but I have repented more wretchedly than I can express. Watch me from this moment on: my manhood shall be of the cleanliness you so deserve, not in these words, but proved in my every act. I hope that you may never be sorry for the love you have given me; I'll strive my best that you never shall be."

There come moments in our lives when happiness, as of joy building upon joy within, is so great that it appalls us. So it was with her; and she trusted herself to no utterance but the commonplace.

"There must be a fire near here," she said, "I can hear the engines."

This it was that recalled her rigorously to Glenn waiting at the carriage; and she arose. Wachter's fingers still detained her hand.

"No, not yet," he pleaded, "I've so much to say, so much to tell you, so much to plan for our happiness. It presses me so much that I can say nothing, nothing. Every day you will write to me?"

His arms crept around her, tightening; his face was so near that she could feel its warmth, so near that the texture of the pinkish pale skin was magnified.

"I must go," she said firmly. "Mr. Glenn is waiting."

The nerves of the flesh seemed to recoil from Wachter's touch upon it, the action seemed so much of familiarity. She alternated between an ecstasy of one minute and repugnance of the next, half-bewildered in the conflux of the two.

At last she broke away from his embrace.

"Elizabeth," he cried, a soft purr.

Slowly she opened the door as if thinking.

"Listen, dear—"

Suddenly she stiffened, transfixed. Wachter sprang forward, and with the next intake of breath stopped short, a queer look in his eyes, startled, half-frightened. The one intense accent of the moment was her arm stretched out and back, and the white fingers straight and rigid.

A swish, a rush, and she was gone. He could hear her stumbling up that iron stairway, and the sound of her groping sent a tremor through him.

Another minute and she was again beside him gasping. As she passed before him into the room he quickly slammed the door as if to shut out everything. Neither spoke. Their gazes fastened together and then each turned away. She began pacing about the room, and Wachter could see her bosom rise and fall with the great lungfuls of breath she was taking to destroy the fumes. "I think we can do it this time," she said after a few minutes.

"Yes," answered he absently.

Once more the attempt was made. Wachter followed her, catching up his coat and hat on the way. But at the threshold he hesitated, listening to her stumbling on ahead up those iron, spiral stairs. Then for four heart-beats there was silence. In that silence the fourth heart-beat struck a note of terror.

"Come back!" he cried, "My God! you'll suffocate! Don't get caught in the passage—do you hear me? Don't get

caught in the passage! Don't get caught in the passage! You'll suf—"

She returned coughing violently and beating her palms against her bosom.

"We—can't—do—it."

Wachter needlessly threw his whole weight against the door with an escaping sibilant breath of relief.

"Do you suppose we'll—"

His voice broke into a huskiness and the thought was left in her mind to coil and uncoil itself like the dreadful languor of a reptile which leisurely prepares to strike. Her eyes, with their enlarged pupils, watched him as he folded his coat near the piano; he had thrown it over his arm and was carefully smoothing it. He doubled it together and shook it out again. This was repeated. At last he placed it on top of the piano beside his hat with one reluctant stroke of the hand upon the silk lining as if unwilling to relinquish this God-sent thing that gave him some employment for the hands. There was nothing left to do now but to wander aimlessly around the room pressing the hands together as if to warm them. Her eyes still were fixed upon him. Every motion, every step, every gesture was the visual counterpart of her own feelings. Both appeared waiting for something—something of which neither dared speak in the tensity of the moment.



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Wachter.

"There's no other way out?" she asked finally, in a tone that lacked all vibrant richness.

He seemed to be testing and gripping his voice before he spoke.

"None," he answered.

She recalled a door that had opened noiselessly and the figure that had strode forth.

"Why not through the auditorium?" she suggested.

"Yes, yes!" He caught at this eagerly. "Of course. Why did n't we think of this before! Of course."

He continued these repetitions in this accession of hope as he guided her to the dingy back stage where the gathering smoke bit and stung with every breath. He tentatively followed when she stepped out upon the platform.

At the left the piano was dimly outlined in the weird, hazy circle of light above it; but beyond that the thick, stifling blackness obscured all. Once it rolled bulkily apart revealing a row of chairs, then closed again. One could remain there but a few seconds, and in stepping back to close the door she bumped against Wachter.

"Pardon me," she murmured, then laughed from some isolated part of her mind the sole faculty of which was to appreciate grim jokes. Her greatest mental effort was concentrated upon her sense of direction, in adjusting it to the point of positive knowledge. The middle aisle; one leap from the stage; a run, then the corridor.

"I think we could do it," she said in a sudden determination of courage. "Up the middle aisle, the corridor and then—"

Wachter shook his head dubiously. "It's a big chance, a big chance. How do we know what is out there? We might be worse off than we are here."

She turned to the door.

He seized her, dragging her back.

"I won't let you. It's recklessness. You don't know what's out there."

What's out there. These words inspired her first fear, fear of what was out there. As yet the vigilant eye had seen no flame, nor had the ear heard any warning crackle; but it was the expectancy of these which drew up taut every fiber to a chilling tensity of suspense. The only alleviation was action; any action, however reckless, was better than the torture of introspective folded hands. To remain in the retiring-room might mean safety; at least there was the window—and the pavements below; the chance, the distrust that either action or inaction might be her undoing increased her agitation. Which to choose? Instinct counseled the middle aisle, common-sense, the retiring-room until help came. Help! From where? She figured that she could reach the corridor in a minute, yes, thirty seconds, but the longer she delayed the more the impulse decreased. But once there a tiny tongue of flame, perhaps, her dress— The picture that kindled in her imagination decided her.

She opened the door for one more look.

Wachter clutched at her arm.

"Oh! I'm not going to attempt it," she assured him.

He released her and once more she stepped out upon the stage, a dim figure shrouded in smoke.

"Go to hell!" roared a voice. "I won't get out!"

From away beyond that impenetrable blackness it came, somewhere in the rear of the auditorium. It was the voice of the man without a soul. Her smarting, straining eyes could discern no human shape.

"Put me out!" came the disembodied challenge. "Put me out. Put me out!"

She caught up her skirts about her.

"You damn idiots," cursed the voice frantically, "there's a woman in there, I tell you. You 're fine firemen, you are. I tell you there's a woman in there.

"'Beth!"

With a cry she lurched forward. As an answer to that cry came a dull, reverberating roar.

The floor sank in from under her feet; one belching volume of smoke engulfed her, and as she staggered back through the doorway the building settled solidly on its foundation and the quivering floor once more met her feet.

Dizzily, and fighting the hot, blind, smother she groped her way. She saw now how easily she had walked into the trap. Evidently near the close of the recital the fire had started in the basement; and, that the audience might pass out with no panic, had been successfully fought until the end of the program, when the apparatus had been called. Unsuspecting, she had entered into the midst of it. And Glenn beckoning to her to come and see the engines!

In the retiring-room she found Wachter standing in the middle of the floor, half-dazed, weaving his fingers together.

"I did n't wait for you," he began apologetically. "You see I thought you

were coming right along behind me; and when I got here and you were n't with me —you see—"

"It does n't matter," she replied dully, dropping into a chair at the table.

To her, the situation had all the cheapness and exaggeration of melodrama; and this feeling was emphasized by the soiled dampness of her cloak, which she loosened and allowed to fall, wrinkled, over the back of her chair. She extended her arms limply upon the table, strengthless in the reaction from the last terrible few minutes of the explosion. The mind, too, had not so much power to determine the values and relations of things; its difficulty was in separating the realities confirmed by the senses and the unrealities of its own feverish making. The piano, the coat and hat upon it, the table at which she was sitting, the four electric bulbs overhead with their fluted shades—these took a significance wholly out of proportion to their importance, and, when she found her mind trying to attach some meaning to these inanimate objects, she checked herself, dreading any aberration which might indicate a loss of mental lucidity. At last, in some recovery from this frozen hysteria, she began to do finger-exercises upon the table—one, two, three, four, five; five, four, three, two, one. The room was becoming more murky. Over by the door floated a long, undulating ribbon of smoke.

She glanced toward the only window, making a movement to rise.

Wachter anticipated her wish, obviously glad for another chance to do something with his hands, if only for a few seconds. The window was set high in the wall and the drawing up of a chair to stand upon afforded additional employment. A rush of pure air struck her gratefully; new sounds came in through the open window —the vibrating throb of the engines, shouts, the rattling clang of gongs, sharper accents above the monotone of the city's meaningless mumble.

A gush of hope thrilled her. Of course nothing serious could occur, nothing but this distasteful inconvenience. Glenn was out there swearing. The fact that he was swearing seemed to bear more weight than the fact that he was out there. Swearing was coarse, but at times it did contain much of the essence of the real man —no, she would not extenuate by any sophistry such vulgarities. Nevertheless, her ears repeated the invectives independently of the critical mind. This hopeful phase was of short duration and gave way to a vague terror like the monotone of the city's meaningless mumble. Perhaps in the explosion Glenn was—perhaps out there the fire had at last broken through and only the door before her kept out the sight of its fantastic destruction, and Glenn— She prayed in her heart he was safe. After all, Felix was a good sort of fellow.

Here her attention was drawn to Wachter, casual and listless at first, but focused with a sudden, stabbing thought. He had moved in front of her near the table and his face disquieted her. The relaxed jaw, the loosely gaping mouth, the cheeks, waxen from arrested circulation, with their pinkish pallor, the fixity of the eyes, as if turned inward, these were signs which struck her instinct with dread. Unconsciously she was striving to avert, by the sheer force of her own will, the words which she knew intuitively must be forthcoming.

Moved by this uneasiness, she arose and went to the window. The wide window-ledge prevented a view clear to the street; but by tiptoeing she could just see the top of an engine, its nickel reflecting the lights blood-red below its fountain of sparks. Across the street the buildings stood darkly, their shadowy outlines merging one into the other. Now and then their black windows would flare up luridly in some light caught from the scene. The engine pumped unceasingly, not unlike her heart in silent moments. As yet she had not heard Wachter's voice. Ah! how she hoped that her intuition was in error, that he would not speak what it foreboded, that the image conceived in her finest nature would not be broken—marred a little perhaps, but not irretrievably shattered.

"I can't stand this," murmured the long expected voice as if to itself.

Her lips quivered and pressed them together tightly. The inaction was un-

bearable. She left the window and dropped back into the chair at the table.

"It's getting upon me terribly," continued the voice.

She began to do five-finger exercises upon the table with much attention to the technique: one, two, three, four, five; five, four, three, two, one.

"To have it come upon us this way, and not one chance. It's horrible. I can't do anything."

There flashed to her, as she listened, a picture of a summer's day, the blue ocean. In this dual consciousness it went on in jerky, inhibited presentments. She was in the cool water, its clean, briny smell in her nostrils.

"And it is for this that I have worked so hard, for this that I gave up all my childhood's joys."

Before her the waves tossed, sparkling in the sun.

"When all the other children were out



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She was seized from behind.

of doors playing, I was in the house, my little back aching, my patient, awkward fingers stumbling over the keys. Why, with my short legs, I could scarcely reach the pedals.'

Behind her, along the beach, came the faint shouts of the less adventurous bathers. She was within a hundred yards of the raft, where, upon the edge sat Glenn kicking his legs in the water in childish abandon and enjoyment.

"My mastery of the keyboard means six hours a day at the piano, six hours a day for years and years, and at the end—this."

Then the nightmare in the sparkling sunlight; a cleaving pain, the knotting muscles, a sinking powerless body, the water slapping the face and filling the mouth, a gurgle, and last sight, as going under, a figure sliding from the raft into the water.

"Who would n't cry out in this same bitter frenzy of mine? To be cut down among the fruit of my own labors, the very height of my art!"

Next a strong arm about her from behind and a reassuring voice telling her to brace up and to put her hands upon his shoulders.

"Do you realize what one little burn on my hand would mean? The tone would be gone, my life's work profitless. I knew a fellow in Vienna when I was a student who was burned upon the fingers. He never played the same again."

He was talking in very commonplace and casual manner to her, this fellow who had slid from the raft, just as if he were merely assisting her over a mud-puddle in the street.

"And tonight when my greatest desire had been granted."

And when she was safely on the raft he called her a blamed fool and told her to sit there while he swam back and fetched a boat.

"I've longed, starved for this night when you should tell me you cared. Perhaps now you don't care—you—"

The room darkened. She could see Wachter's face but indistinctly. The electric bulbs became mere glowing threads, and then were sucked up into the blackness.

Wachter rushed nervously to the window. She heard his shoe rasp upon the chair, and, as her eyes became more accustomed to the darkness, discerned his figure leaning out.

"For God's sake," he shrieked, "get us out, get us out!"

The louder and more insistent pulsation of the engine threw the cry back into the room. It's frenzy froze her blood, and in a spasm she pressed her palms rigidly upon the table. She bordered upon the panic which had seized him.

He had stepped down from the chair and his shadowy form was shuffling its way toward the piano. With his coat in one hand, his hat in the other the shadowy form shuffled back to the window. First the hat was tossed out, and, a few minutes later the coat was hurled after it.

After waiting futilely for some answering shout he came over near her, not, she felt, through any impulse to protect her, but more for the comfort of some human presence.

"It's getting upon me terribly," he said in half whispering tones. "It's so weakening. Did my cry frighten you? I hope —"

"Oh! no," she answered, "I really did n't mind."

"You see, I hardly knew I did it—a sort of loss of my mental equilibrium, I suppose. It was the lights going out, sort of nerved me up. Awfully funny feeling, so wild and. . . . What's that!"

From outside came a sound of tapping and scraping and then a faint sense of vibration.

A helmet appeared, followed by a red face, with blinking eyes. It leaned in through the window.

"How many of yer in there?" it bawled.

Wachter already had sprung forward. She followed with more dignity.

"Come on, the lady," commanded the fireman.



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His face smooched and grinning like a gargoyle.

"Oh! yes; yes, of course," stammered Wachter. His tone and manner as he gave way to her plainly showed a desperate disappointment.

Elizabeth climbed upon the chair. A hard, wet hand clasped her own, and leaning out she saw the ladder, slender, bending. The distance to the pavements was scarcely three flights, yet in her excitement it appeared thrice that number. She hesitated as if before some horrible feat that must be performed.

Suddenly she was seized from behind. A hot, mad breath swept her cheek and she was hurled swirling backwards into the room.

Bewildered, supporting herself against the piano, she staggered upright from her knees. Wachter was gone. And when the significance of his absence struck her a low moan escaped her lips. She could not believe, no human being could, the enormity of it, but for the overwhelming evidence. What an end to that night!

Again the fireman appeared at the window.

"Step lively," he called.

Again she placed her hand in that cold, wet paw, crouching out upon the ledge, breathless. Again the frail, bending ladder and the shadowy aerial distance. A strong arm encircled her, supported her, lifted her. Instinctively her arms wound about the man's neck, and with a shudder she closed her eyes.

During the few seconds of descent she seemed enwrapped about one iterating thought—the man and the artist, the man and the artist, the artist and the man.

When her feet touched the pavements she stood trembling. She felt the need of something to lean against, for in her weakness she could hardly trust herself to walk. Someone took her arm. She turned to see Glenn, hatless, his glad face smooched and grinning like a gargoyle.

"There's a whole bunch of reporters around here," he was panting, "and if we escape them we'll be lucky."

Over lines of hose, dodging firemen, through the curious crowd he quickly led her until they reached the carriage. The door slammed, the horses started.

"Phew!" came from the relieved Glenn, "things have certainly happened tonight."

Things had happened. To her the night seemed years long.

She relaxed deliciously upon the soft cushions. To her ears came the buzz of electric cars, their gongs, a laugh from someone in the street—ordinary sounds, but the sweetest concord she had ever heard.

The carriage left the rough pavements, turning upon the smooth asphalt of a residential street. All was so quiet, so peaceful; no noise but the clack, clack of the horses' hoofs. She was nearing home.

"I must be quite disarranged," remarked the still cheerful Felix—"now where in blazes did I lose my hat?"

At last that haunting thing came to the front of her inner vision, clearly defined. It was a man in evening dress sitting upon the curb, his head bowed in his hands. She was coming down a ladder from way, way up somewhere; and when he saw her he raised his head, one hand outstretched as of one who would retrieve his baseness when too late. It seemed that when she had last known him he was mad; but now there was no madness in his eyes. Instead they spoke a pleading, humiliation. It was cruel to her, but to him more cruel.

"Felix," she said, "I've something that I feel I ought to explain to you, sometime."

"Of course," he answered, "as a friend of the family you may confide in me."

"Please don't joke tonight," she said, a little sadly.

The Widow

BY ERNEST STARR

The Widow pushed back the hair from her brow. The movement, though unconscious, was effective. Eight years out had taught The Widow the value of each movement of the hand, the suggestion conveyed by the lift of the eye-brows and the lowering of the lids.

Tricks like these are unnecessary in a college town, because ardent collegians frequently are not aware that they are in process of impression, and are joyously unregardful of the small aids to illusion. Nevertheless, the illusion is a synthesis of aids minutely small, so small that nobody but the other girl can detect them. It is a wise widow who has so thoroughly inventoried her natural and cultivated aids that their use is unconscious, or gives that impression. The more unstudied her methods are, the more acceptable and unquestionable is the illusion.

The fit subject for feminine illusion is man, and fittest is the collegian. Sometimes a collegian thinks he "knows them like a book," but this kind of a book is guiltless of a handy literal. Collegians may read, they may run, they may be wiser than their own fathers, but, like Sampson, they will sleep though waking. It need not be Delilah who handles the scissors. Pricilla is just as capable. Of all people, though, most efficient is the College Widow. She combines qualities of innocent Priscilla, acute Delilah, loveable Imogene, and contrary Mary.

There are College Widows and College Widows—Widows who love, Widows who are loved, Widows who make the man think they are loved, Widows who never have been loved at all. Even the sweet-disposed Widow, in say five years' experience, cannot help but assimilate knowledge of a kind and quality that would cause Ella Wheeler Wilcox's "Men Made Easy" to recede into dim perspective. If a College Widow, during her career of eight years, besides perfecting her methods, has kept her popularity and retained the good opinion of the Woman's Missionary Society, she is entitled to the distinction of being, above all others, The Widow.

The Widow, with a characteristic motion, pushed back the hair from her forehead. There was nothing studied about it, because The Widow was thinking deeply. She was in a dilemma, whose solving taxed her facile brain. Invariably her plans carried, and her will was uncrossed. She was one of the even people who, without being masterful, managed to have entirely their own way. An intention of hers precluded failure; a desire became a commission.

Her mother and father did not think of questioning her slightest statement. Their approving assent was so invariable that she had almost ceased to take them into

her calculations. She looked upon her mother with affectionate superiority. She laughed indulgently at her mother's slowness in appreciating her rapid-fire thinking and conversation. The mother was almost apologetic in her anxiety to be comprehending. She was without resentment, save when she suspected that she was being laughed at. Then her quizzical expression of annoyance and rebuke would make her daughter laughingly embrace her and put the idea into simpler expression.

Now, for the first time in The Widow's life, her mother had a real, developed opinion, which she advocated strenously; not only advocated, but she had brought her daughter around to her own viewpoint. The Widow could not accustom herself to the new situation, and sub-consciously she resented the fact that her decision had been influenced by her mother.

The masterfulness had melted away, in her perplexity she had listened seriously to every word of her mother's argument. Her poise, her self-reliance, was gone. Her years of college belledom and widowhood gave no counsel. The question she had airily warded off time and again rose and demanded solution. The form in which it put itself was new to her, alien to her frequent forecastings of the situation. The increment of knowledge which the years had brought pointed out no course of action.

She smoothed her brow, as if to brush away the tangle of uncertainty.

"What's the use," she sighed. "Once a college widow, always one. I'll begin my knitting and checkerberry tea drinking."

She smiled a little wistfully, and then frowned in self-condemnation.

"I, eight years a widow, six years The Widow, nervous over my heart! O Lord, how unhappy am I."

She was about to continue her thought-digesting walk about the floor, when there was a knock at the door.

"What do you want?" she called.

The door opened, and her mother came quietly into the room. She generally began the bed-room talks with her daughter by "Now, my child—" But this time she said, "Well?"

"No, I am not well, and I don't feel like talking."

The mother fixed her gaze straight in front of her, and ignored her daughter's remark.

"Your father and I want your answer. You are always positive on matters which concern yourself alone. Now, when it comes to the simple matter of marrying your father's best friend and college-mate, you cannot compose your mind. You make us miserable by your childish indecision. What have you to say?"

The Widow looked at her mother in actual alarm. She had never heard such coherency come from her lips; she was dazed by the change of base.

"What have I to say now?"

"Yes, now. You have been walking all over your room for the last two hours. When I was a girl I could sit still with my embroidery and come to any conclusion."

"Any old conclusion."

"I can think of no more precious thought than that, through you, the life-long intimacy between your father and his best friend should be fulfilled."

The Widow was herself again. When her mother began on her girlhood and precious thoughts, a sense of humor immediately gave The Widow the upper hand.

"It is a precious thought that the man you want me to marry is two years older than my father. Still more precious that a girl could go to her own really truly husband and tell him all her childish woes and worries."

The Widow chuckled over her new view of double harness.

Unsmiling, her mother continued: "And most precious of all is the good you can do with his money."

"I may not get the combination."

"And we shall have every thing we want. Of course, dear, I am thinking only of your interests. A girl in your position seldom has a chance like this."

"A girl in my position would know the thing to do. I'm a 'widow' and I know too much. I cannot think except complexedly. I've played with my heart too often."

"I don't understand, my child."

"No, darling, of course you don't."

"I cannot see how—"

The Widow was looking with large eyes into the distance. Desire was upon her face. What might have been drew her away from what was to be. Her imagination reveled in the picture, while the intensest emotion of her life, for the moment, held her completely. She found solace for the present in a wide-eyed dream for the future.

Her mother watched her intently.

"It's that Boy!" she exploded.

The Widow's eyes narrowed as she turned toward her mother. The moment of exaltation had filled her with contempt for equivocation.

"Yes, it's The Boy," she said calmly.

"Can't you ever get him out of your thoughts?"

"Can you?" she asked quickly.

"I am sure I cannot get him out of my sight."

"And I don't want him out of my sight."

The Widow's eyes wandered again.

"In the name of Heaven, you do not love him, do you? Has the boy addressed you?"

"Only by post, and he's really much older than a boy."

"I refuse to speak of him. When I was a girl—"

"That's all right, darling. When you were a girl you were not a 'college widow,' and I can't think of any of your reminiscences that fit the case."

Their eyes met. They did not exactly glare, but the expression upon their faces was so near to anger that only a psychologist could have differentiated it. The Widow mentally rebuked herself for allowing a situation to arise which she wanted to avoid.

During the days of The Widow's perplexity, she and her mother had carefully avoided any mention of The Boy. However, he was constantly in the minds of both. His existence had been like a silent ghost hovering over the family councils, or rather, family suggestions. To the mother, he was a menace to the fulfilment of a strong desire; to the girl, a greater joy than she liked to confess even to herself. He was the one baffling problem of her career. Because he baffled her, she had begun to think of him a great deal; and because she thought of him a great deal and saw him frequently, she forgot the objective point of view. The change had been subtle, but complete. A College Widow must be circumspect, even to keeping her heart-strings firmly wrapped around both wrists. The Widow had been careful as long as she had her own way. When she was baffled by The Boy, she became herself and forgot her subjectiveness; forgot that she had seen generations come and generations go; forgot everything except that her heart went through a new system of gymnastics when she was with him.

The mother, by some indeterminable mental process, was assured of the real condition. She had seen her daughter's absorption of a senior before, and been indifferent to the outcome. This time there was a difference shown, if in no other way, by the absence of danger signals. The Widow let him be seen with the "Also Rans" publicly, without a shade of anxiety. Her mother was only calmly interested until a crisis, in the shape of gray-haired wealth, friendly to father, appeared upon the scene. Then she immediately became a scheming parent, alive with social instincts which were elephantine in expression.

She began boldly by ignoring The Boy. Next she called him "child," in spite of his athletic six feet of length. Finally, she overlooked him as completely as if he had ceased to be. When she entered her daughter's room, it was with the intention of omitting his name and number from the conference, which somehow seemed to her like a venture upon the crest of a live volcano. The volcano erupted, and left the two looking at each other as if they were not sure what was going to happen next.

"Why did you bring him in?" asked The Widow, after a pause, during which her mother grew visibly nervous.

"There was no need of it. You are suing for dear father's boyhood friend. I can shut my eyes and see him oozing gold, his gray hair sprinkled with diamonds. Money always rattled in his pockets, whenever he came near me. Ugh! But there are really much worse faults than being careless with one's money."

"Yes, my dear." The spirit of Polonius was upon the mother; she would agree to anything, if she could only soothe her daughter into acquiescence.

"My child," after a deep breath, "why don't you write to that Boy, and tell him—"

"He's not in the running, mother."

"Not in what?"

The Widow shrugged her shoulders.

"Oh, he is not to be considered."

"My child, do you mean it?"

"I mean, my angel mother, that The Boy thinks I am too much of a 'Widow' to want me to marry him. Remnants are apt to be short measure, you know."

"Does n't he love you?"

"Look in the book, darling. I don't know." The Widow's tone was hard.

"What are you going to do, my child?"

"I could n't wither gracefully, so I think I'll marry the Old Gentleman."

The Widow laughed. Sarah Bernhardt would have deemed the sound worthy of imitation, as perfectly combining recklessness, pain, and pathos. The Widow's mother laughed tearfully and joyfully.

"My dear, dear little girl!" She embraced her little girl rapturously.

Thirty minutes later The Widow was polishing her nails mechanically. She had on a dress he liked and was waiting for him to come. She heard steps on the walk and listened with parted lips for a voice.

"Back door's locked; where you want your ice?" floated up to her.

Absently, she examined her nails. They looked like specimens of Chinese laundry work, brilliant enough to reflect the image of her flushed face. She dulled them by breathing on them, and pressed her palms against her hot cheeks. Her eyes were black with excitement.

"What's the use of being a College Widow unless I can make one man say one thing?"

Again she heard steps, and recognized their beat. Without a glance at the mirror, she left the room and went down the stairs, smiling mysteriously. She met him at the door.

"Hello, Boy!"

The Boy was buoyant. By way of greeting, he sang,

"Spring time, you know, is ring time;
Come now, don't be so slow;
Change your name, go on, be game.
Begorra, I will do the same"—

He cut short the song when he saw she had stopped her ears.

"Do you know, Boy," she said, "that you could n't carry a tune if you had it in your suit-case?"

"I refuse to be offended."

"Since you are very pleasant tonight, I'll let you walk into my parlor."

"Your web, you mean."

"As you please, but do not try to be clever around me. Big men are made to be good looking, not clever."

"What can I do that will meet with your approval, highness?"

"Sit down."

"Here?"

"No, no; not in that chair."

"Why? Will it break?"

"No. It is too comfortable. You would go to sleep, I know. Now, play fair. I'll sit in an uncomfortable chair if you will, and we can be miserable together."

"I did n't come here to be made miserable, but your smallest command—"

She held up one hand. "Sufficiency!"

"Can't I even talk?"

"If you talk business."

The Widow laughed mischievously.

"I refuse."

"I don't like you tonight, Boy. You are obstinate."

"Blessed Lord, what have I done now? You don't want me to talk Bi. Lab., do you? That's bad enough business in the day-book, without summing up."

"My dear Boy, there are other kinds of business besides business."

"And my dear Dame Epigram, my business is my work."

"Have n't you any other business at all? My! what a one-sided man!"

The Boy looked at her appreciatively.

"May I sit in a chair that has arms? I believe I heard you say that this one is uncomfortable."

"You've lost your pearls of etiquette, and you are making remarks about your hostess' furniture."

"I could n't help it. The seat of this chair is very small. I'm falling off."

"Sit on the floor and fall off of that, smarty."

"Please understand me! I do not wish to sit on the floor."

The Widow stopped smiling, and looked from beneath lowered lids.

"Let's be serious, Boy," she said.

"All right. Exhibit No. 1. Why do you call me 'Boy?'"

"Because I am older than you."

"But you do not know as much as I do."

"Really?"

"Let me see."

He glanced at the ceiling, reflectively.

"If I mistake not, you have been on the track eight years."

She nodded.

"Then you are twenty-five."

"Perspicuous," she vouchsafed.

"I did n't ask you. I'm aged twenty-three years, four months, and six days."

"So old?"

"And I know that a man can learn more in twenty-three years, four months, and six days than a woman can in twenty-five years."

"That depends on the study."

"You spoke a truism then, highness. I suppose you know me from my lowest note to the top compass by now?"

She did not answer, but fingered her rings nervously. The flush on her cheeks was deeper than before. He thought the fault was his, and retracted his conversational steps in search of an embarrassing blunder.

"Boy, we must be serious. I'm going away."

"If you had looked in the book of Job, you could not have found a more solemn thing to tell me. Where are you going?"

"To New York."

"Trousseau, I suppose?"

The Widow crushed her filmy handkerchief into a wad.

"That's what my mother says."

"For her golden wedding?" the Boy laughed.

"It's for me."

The laughter was wiped away from his lips by ghostly, ghastly hands.

"What do you mean?"

"That I am going to be married."

His voice was strained! "To whom?"

"To the old gray-bearded gentleman who came down to see my father last month. He's a very nice old gentleman."

"You 're not joking?"

"I am serious."

Her face had lost its color and her lips quivered. In her eyes there was a longing that only a blind man could misread.

The Boy was silent and cold. He, too, was pale. He folded his arms and looked away.

Somewhere a clock struck the hour.

Slowly he turned in his seat. Though his eyes were inflamed with passion, the words came slowly and evenly.

"Why have you done this when you know I love you? That I was waiting only for the end of this term before I spoke? Is it because you are 'The Widow'?"

He did not heed the pleading in every lineament of her face.

"Is it with me as with my forerunners, who have been weeds for the widows?"

His tone cut.

She leaned forward, with outstretched hands, as if to ward off a mortal blow.

"Boy, Boy," she whispered, "it is n't too late!"

He did not hear.

"I waited so long, and—and you would n't tell me."

She took a step towards him.

"Tell me now, Boy; tell me now!"

God's sunlight seemed to burst upon his face. He sat motionless, looking up into her eyes.

"Won't you—won't you please stop being 'The Widow?'" he said.

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Robe of flowered silk, decolleté. The deep pointed lace fichu is carried out in the ruffle of the skirt.

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Tailored costume with strap corsage; lace elbow sleeves; stole and muff of sable.

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Tailored costume of broadcloth, embroidered on the skirt and corsage. The skirt at the bottom carries two bands of embroidered net inserted.

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MAISON HUET ET CHERUIT

Costume of mousseline de laine, the skirt trimmed simply with four ruffles of the material; the corsage forming a bolero-princesse effect.

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MAISON ERBER

Evening coat with squirrel lining and sable collar; the deep braided trimming of a conventional design.

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MAISON REDFERN

Loose evening coat trimmed with ruffles of mousseline de soie.



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Scene from the second act of "The Two Mr. Wetherbys."

Some Dramas of the Day

BY ACTON DAVIES

Never in the history of New York theatricals has there been an August so bespangled—or shall I say bespattered—with new plays. The same idea seems to have struck all the managers at once and that idea was that for once in a way Old King Sol and General Humidity would have extended all their fire-works early in the season and from the first week of August on all will be plain sailing for the pioneer manager who first dared to jump into the Broadway Theatrical Arena.

The result was harrowing beyond words. Actors and actresses who usually never dreamed of returning to town for rehearsals before August 15th found themselves frying and frizzling in the theaters by the 15th of July, and on August 6th when the curtain rose at the Criterion on the first new production of the season, "The Little Cherub," actors, managers, critics and play-goers alike found themselves in what seemed like an immense cauldron or a Broadway lobster pot. To say that "The Little Cherub" was tried as by fire at its first performance is putting it far too mildly. No critic would ever have had the heart to roast it after the stifling reception which it received at the hands of the weather that night. It speaks volumes for "The Little Cherub" that it lived through that first performance, and certainly its manager, Charles Frohman would be fully warranted in labelling it an "asbestos" success; that it is a success there can be no doubt. It puts another plume in the cap of Mr. Ben Teale as a stage manager, and although it presents no strikingly original features in either its scenes, situations, or specialties, it may be summed up in a word as another triumph of Girl. The star of the piece is Miss Hattie Williams, and if for nothing else she de-

serves to be immortalized for the modesty which she has shown in her stellar debut. Here is a star who is content to occupy the stage for only seven or eight minutes in each of the seven acts; the rest of the time she is talked about by the other characters and furnishes the motive for the entire play, but her own appearances are rare and of the rapid-fire sort. She comes on, sings a song, accepts her encores and disappears. If more stars followed this process their popularity would be infinitely greater, and Miss Williams in obliterating herself in this manner really does far more to make both herself and her play a success than if she held the stage against all comers for a half-hour session. Surrounding her are a number of remarkably pretty girls including Miss May Naudain, Miss Mabel Hollins, Miss Winona Winter and Miss Grace Fields. The biggest hit of the play is scored by these four young women who sing a song called "Oh How I would Like to be a Boy" during which they play a game of foot-ball with such success that at almost every performance some member of the audience receives a gratuitous foot-ball in the eye.

The comedian, James Blakely, has one capital number which he sings with Miss Williams, entitled "The Doggie in the Yard," a song which was written by that charming young actress Miss Marie Doro whose fame as a composer bids fair to equal her success as the prettiest of stage *ingénues*.

The next novelty, the "Kreutzer Sonata" at the Manhattan, was a contrast to say the least. Both Miss Blanche Walsh and Madame Bertha Kalisch possess versions of Mr. Grandin's play which was originally produced in Yiddish at one of the downtown theaters and acted over three hundred times. Miss Walsh had already presented her version on the road and therefore when manager Harrison Grey Fiske announced that the "Kreutzer Sonata" would be the opening attraction



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Richard Golden and the Harem in "The Tourists."

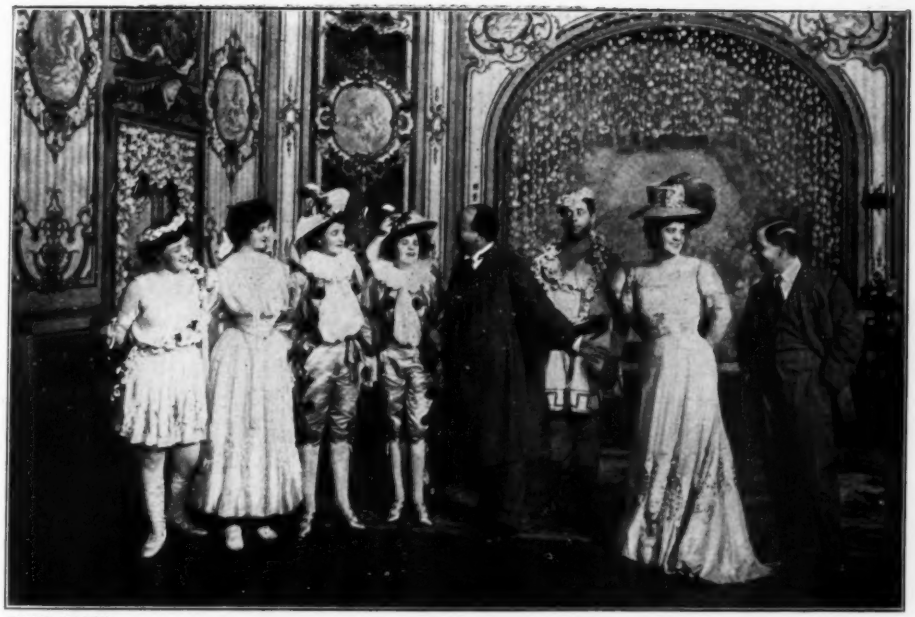


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Scene from "The Little Cherub."

of Madame Kalisch at the Lyric, Miss Walsh's managers moved heaven and earth to reach Broadway ahead of her. Why there should have been such a fuss and fury over this play, only heaven and the managers know. It proved one of the dreariest must unwholesome and morbid productions that New York has seen in many a long day, and it only afforded Miss Walsh one opportunity for emotional work. This was the final scene in which as the wronged wife she killed almost everybody in sight. Considering the caliber of most of the members of her company the audience would gladly have forgiven her all her sins and peccadilloes if she had only run amuck and annihilated them early in the first act. The play reminded you of Ibsen crossed with a Welsh rarebit which had gone wrong. To say that it was stodgy diet for a sweltering August night states the case fairly.

Horror was piled on horror until the audience fairly gasped for a breath of fresh air, and the only laugh in the entire evening came early in the performance when Miss Walsh looking particularly well fed and bristling with adipose tissue was informed by one of her relatives that she looked like a mere child. This was too much for the audience; even the prompter had to laugh.

The heroine of the play had been brought up in Russia where she was betrayed by a young army officer. After her child is born her father pays a degenerate musician a sum of money to marry her and take her to America. The entire family emigrate with them, and in the second act the heroine's husband falls madly in love with his wife's sister. It takes three more acts of misery to bring the wife to the point where she executes her own revenge.

Miss Walsh proved a disappointment in the leading character; until the final scene she merely walked through the play, and although in the murder episode she played with a good deal of her old-time vehemence and power, her conception of the part seemed careless and roughshod. Miss Helen Ware as the young sister carried off the honors of the night.

Meanwhile at Wallack's "His Honor the Mayor" after a long season at the New York has settled down to finish out the season to record breaking houses. The tuneful numbers of this piece and the clever stage business as well as the buoyant personality and good nature of



Blanche Walsh in "The Kreutzer Sonata."

the leading player, Miss Blanche Ring, have caused "His Honor the Mayor" to become one of the real all-summer successes.

A few nights later the Madison Square threw open its doors presenting a new star, Mr. William Hawtrey, an elder brother of the more famous Charles, in a comedy which the programmes labelled as "a domestic fact" entitled "The Two Mr. Wetherbys." One of these *Wetherbys* believed in posing as a saint to his wife; that was *James;* the other, *Richard,* believed in making himself out a perfect "devil of a fellow." On account of the vices which he had assumed without having them, *Richard's* wife had left him when the play begins, and he is "living happy ever after," while his poor brother-in-law, caught in the meshes of the saintship which he had bestowed upon himself, dares not call his soul his own. The bad *Wetherby* tempts the good *Wetherby* to go with him to the Empire Music Hall. The good man's wife finds the programme of the performance in his pocket. On the advice of his bad brother-in-law, *James* tells his wife the horrible truth, that he has been guilty of the crime of going to a theater. She leaves him instantly threatening to bring suit for a divorce; but presently the bad *Wetherby* gets hold of her, talks her into reason and proves to her amazement that he is really far more of a saint than the man whom she has always worshipped; the result is a re-union of both couples, and the curtain is rung down on a particularly stupid and insipid little comedy, whose sole virtue was that it introduced to New York in Mr. Hawtrey an actor of subtlety, distinction and considerable charm. Outside of Mr. Hawtrey the work of the cast was crude and amateurish; the sort of acting in fact which is driving more people from the theaters nowadays than anything else in the world.

A few nights later at the Weber Music Hall, manager Walter Lawrence presented Miss Hilda Spong in a new play called "Lady Jim" by Harold Heaton. *Lady Jim* is one of those good-hearted women that while very busy about their own affairs are not above taking a hand in the business of their friends and relatives. *Lady Jim* has a young niece, *Winifred,* of whom she is devotedly fond. This girl has just become engaged to a gay young Londoner *Jeoffrey Northrop.* As *Lady Jim* has



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Ida Conquest in "The Judge and the Jury."



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Hattie Williams and James Blakely in 'The Little Cherub."



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Tessie Millward in "Hypocrites."

never met him she determines to go to London and call at his apartments to ascertain if possible if he is the sort of young man which her niece should marry. She gains admission to his rooms by telling the servants that she is one of his relatives. To her horror she discovers the dinner-table set for two with a bunch of violets, a pair of gloves and an opera cloak in the middle distance. The young man enters and is surprised to be confronted by an unknown visitor. Picking up a handkerchief which she has dropped he reads her monogram and divines by one of those marvelous feats of inspiration which are known only to the stage, that this woman is Winifred's aunt, *Lady Jim*. He confirms the suspicion later when he sees her name on her handbag. He dresses his servant up and introduces him as the other guest, trying to allay *Lady Jim's* suspicions. He is so successful in doing this that *Lady Jim* finally departs, but a moment later when she returns to get her handbag she finds master and servant shaking hands with each other on the success of their ruse. Then *Lady Jim* declares herself. She denounces him as a libertine and declares that he shall never marry her dear niece *Winifred*. Driven to desperation by her threats, the young man calmly locks *Lady Jim* in his rooms and hurries down to the country to explain matters to *Winifred*, but *Winifred*, even more suspicious than her aunt, refuses to listen to any of his excuses; their engagement is broken off, and *Lady Jim* returns home to find herself confronted by her own irate *fiancé*. The man she is engaged to wants to know what she has been doing up in London in another man's room. The result is a second fractured engagement. After various other complications *Winifred* decides to marry a handsomer man, and *Lady Jim* disgusted with the man she has been engaged to so long finally consents to marry *Jeoffery*.

At the Hackett theater meanwhile they are acting an English farce of quite another caliber, "The Little Stranger" by Michael Morton. This farce brings forward a young Lilliputian, Edward Garrett, as a star. Although seventeen years of age this youth plays most successfully the



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Marie Doro, author of "The Doggie in the Yard."



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William Hawtrey and May Tulley in "The Two Mr. Wetherbys."

character of a two-year-old baby, and the complications of the piece are so original and out of the ordinary that it bids fair to enjoy quite a long run.

Meanwhile at Daly's that roly-poly comedienne Miss Marie Cahill has scored another laughing success with "Marrying Mary" a musical comedy by Edwin Milton Royle.

The piece is a satire on divorce. The story takes place at a hotel in Florida. It is built around the character of *Mary Montgomery*, played by Miss Cahill, who has been married and divorced three times. No. 1 is *Senator Bunchgrass*, old enough to be her father, forced on her by her family and whom she deserted and from whom she procured a divorce in South Dakota. No. 2 was an eloquent evangelist under whose influence she fell and secretly married, only to find out immediately that he was a *Mormon Bishop*. She left him at the station. No. 3 was a cousin. She and he were left a fortune by a rich uncle on condition that they marry, so they agreed to marry and be divorced, he furnishing all the necessary grounds for divorce. The agreement was executed.

It was while *Mary* was waiting at a hotel in Florida with heavy bills staring her in the face, pending the settlement of her uncle's estate, that she met and fell in love with *Ormsby Culpepper* and he with her. He was a young congressman

with a hobby, which was a Federal bill to abolish divorce. He was a crank on the subject. None at the hotel knew of her past and she preferred to leave *Ormsby* rather than to tell him the truth. *Ormsby's* father was a three times *divorcé* himself. He early opposed *Ormsby's* marriage to *Mary*, and did it so vigorously that he fell in love with her himself.

and she is forced to remain to face the boiling pot of her troubles.

The day following the wreck finds *Mary* fighting proposals of marriage from *Ormsby*, his father, *Col. Culpepper*, and her pastor, *Rev. Throckmorton* on the one hand, and a constant fear of a revelation of her many divorces on the other.

Her fears are realized; for the marriage



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Julia Sanderson and Richard Golden in "The Tourists."

To complicate matters the *Mormon Bishop* comes on the scene; then *Cousin Willie* enters in connection with the settlement of their uncle's estate, and lastly comes *Senator Bunchgrass* who has been in the vicinity tarpon fishing.

Her awfully divorceful past being about to be revealed to her lover, *Mary*, in sheer desperation, attempts to escape all her predicaments by leaving the hotel. She escapes secretly, but the train is wrecked

to cousin *Willie* and the *Mormon Bishop* are discovered before all the guests, and just as she is about to be overwhelmed with shame, *Ormsby* tells her he cares nothing for anybody but her, and they are secretly married and all is well.

In Miss Cahill's support are: William Courtleigh, Eugene Cowles, Roy Atwell, Charles Dickson, Mark Smith, H. Guy Woodward, Ben Grinnell, Annie Buckley and Virginia Staunton.

ON THE LEE SHORE

BY BROUGHTON BRANDENBURG

WHEN the business day was over and the lights were lit in the peaceful valley town that lay at the foot of the hill, it was an unfailing sign of the hour that Colonel Denby Grier should come in a slow dignified fashion out of the great door of the hill house and seating himself in a big roomy porch chair light a long cigar which glowed through the evening like a great rosy firefly in the soft dark.

From my window a little farther down on the opposite side of the street I have watched the old banker countless times as he sat there tilted back, his foot against one of the huge colonial pillars, and on the steps descending to the terraced lawn before him would be the dim group of white and color, his three daughters and some of their friends. Perhaps the tall, graceful slender white figures moving about among the peony beds would be Grace and Carolyn, the older girls, while the animated elf that always clung close to her father's place in the evening time was certain to be Mildred, the child who in that day was shyly entering the mysterious world of womanhood. But no matter where they were dispersed at dusk, the later dark always found them clustered about their father's feet, and ever and anon till a late hour I could hear his resonant, drawling voice in one of those stories which had made him famous throughout the State.

The last time I was in Virginia I passed up the street and by the door of the old mansion. I stopped abruptly as it came into view above the thicket of lilac bushes that hedged the lower corner of the ground. A ruthless, marring hand seemed to have wiped from its prospect all of its rare old spirit, charm, and beauty.

The imposing white gateposts with their capitals were gone. The peony beds lay fallow, the steps were sagged, the pillars were hacked and scarred, the walks and the terraces sadly unkempt, and the sign of a boarding house hung before the open door. The familiar chair and its venerable occupant, the master of the house, the gay friends, and the stately daughters were gone. I knew the story well. I was informed of each detail of the thing that had befallen the family on the lee shore, for the wreck is spoken of to this day in all the region, and so I was, I thought, fully prepared for the sight of the place, but I confess that I stopped short with a quick choke and stood for a moment looking abstractedly at the ghost of what had been.

It was the final chapter in a long lesson of protection of all that any man loves from what may befall it when he is no longer able to stand between his dearest and most treasured and the steady march of attacking circumstance. I am going to tell this story with its two wings that touch in conclusion. In fact in these latter days it has seemed to me that there was a commanding excuse for its being written, and now it shall be set down, perhaps spread broadcast, and may it do the good that seems to me to lie within its scope.

I first knew the old colonel and his attractive family through his sister, one of the finest types of the Southern gentlewoman it has ever been my privilege to encounter. She had married a New York broker, Edward Raymond, sprung of Connecticut Yankee stock, and a member of one of the best known firms in Wall Street. Their house on Madison Avenue was one in which the gracious unobstrusive hospitality of the South was blended perfectly with the exact and brilliant life habits of New York. There one met people who were distinctly interesting on their own account, and with Mrs. Raymond the power to attract a coterie which any woman of society might envy was never used for any purposes of family aggrandizement, but was merely recognized as the factor that brought to her door the friends about whom she really cared. Her days at home were a pleasure,

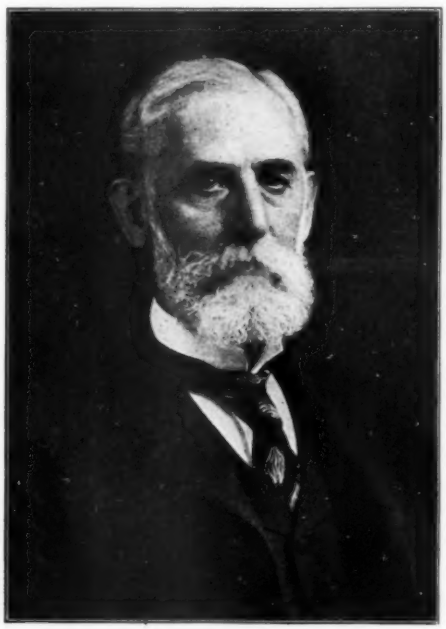
where with other hostesses they might have been regarded as mildly unfortunate but necessary occasions.

Raymond in those days was, outside of his home, a hard, bold man of business, intent on building up a great fortune. I have been in his office at more than one critical hour on 'Change when he sat at his desk, quietly giving brief, succinct orders, whose success or failure meant almost everything to him, and yet his voice never seemed to change in those times, his kindly eyes rarely lifted from the papers before him, his unlit cigar was set at a precise right angle to the firm line of his mouth and jaw, and when his hands passed to execute some detail, to pick up a pen or a telephone receiver, they moved with the steady manner that meant certainty combined with wonderful alertness. He was the highest type of the efficient American business man in the crux of battle. When the crisis was over he would lean back, strike a match slowly, light his cigar, and let his mouth relax in an easy smile. This picture of him in that day I have drawn in this manner because I must pair it with another and a sadly different one later on.

One evening at a club dinner he met Senator John F. Dryden, of New Jersey, the head of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and they spent some little time in the discussion of conservative New England investments in which both were deeply interested. Raymond in telling me of the occurence next day said:

"I had always thought of insurance as a sound business, good enough for those whose families are dependent on their efforts, and also the cause of a violent mania which possessed certain persons called agents and evidenced principally by an unfailing persistence. No *personal* application of it had ever occurred to me. Of insurance officials I have had little acquaintance and mentally pigeon-holed them as benevolent old gentlemen who would not discount twenty-dollar gold pieces under thirty days' notice, but in the Senator I found a man of fire and steel, just as keen as I or anyone I know in the accomplishment of his hands and brains, and within himself a perfect business dynamo, well governed and secure. Now, you know every man stands for a principle in his life work. Senator Dryden impressed me wonderfully and I decided to do honor to his principle, the principle of sound life insurance. I asked a friend to do me the favor of finding out for me if I could get written up for twenty-five thousand in his company."

It was not a difficult matter, Raymond being physically what is termed a good risk, in fact when I knew him many years later he still seemed such in every way. The policy was of the twenty-year endowment sort, and, as indicated above, was taken out in the Prudential Company.



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It was merely a matter of chance that Raymond took this step and I know to a certainty that he forgot it completely only at stated periods, because matters, seemingly, a score of times of more importance were constantly before him. Quite different were the events which form the connecting link between this consideration and the pathetic story of the Griers.

The old colonel was of that provincial type of business man with an ancient style of letter book, and to whom the conduct of no deal was so important as to prevent the introduction of some long, whimsical, highly irrelevant darky story. He drove down to the bank an hour after it had opened each morning, and at noon

climbed into the antique rockaway and went home. Perhaps he came down in the afternoon, perhaps he was off astride of Bay Ben visiting some of his many farms or galloping furiously along some of the hill roads laughing with the exhilaration of a boy.

One of the young clerks in the bank was the son of an old friend and was supplementing his slender pay by collecting commissions for Northern business houses, representing tobacco buyers in making contracts and soliciting life insurance. He was a reckless youngster, and had asked the old colonel so frequently for the hand of Mildred, and been told with such regularity and emphasis that her father was not yet ready to give up his baby, and certainly not "to a cussed young splinter like him," that he had no hesitancy about approaching him on any subject.

One spring Colonel Grier had found that with his knowledge of tobacco-growing conditions, his widespread friendships with Virginia growers, and his excellent location, he could venture into speculation on the crop with much assurance of large profits. This he did, and one day when he had cleared a hundred thousand for a month's efforts, the clerk went into his desk, and the following conversation ensued according to the colonel's gleeful relation of it many times thereafter:

"Colonel, I thought I would come in to see you about something that concerns Miss Mildred's future."

"You just let her alone, young man, and the devil will lose his best means of harming her future."

"Well, I am interested in this, too. What right have I to allow you to fail to protect the future of the girl I am going to marry? Suppose you shot me in a moment of self-forgetfulness some day, as you have said you might do. Suppose business reverses and your being hanged should leave her penniless——"

"You audacious little cub—" gasped the nearly speechless colonel.

"I may be audacious, but those are cold facts, and I have come to ask you to take out a life-insurance policy in my company."

When the old banker had recovered from his rage, the whimsical humor and certain salt of sense in the situation appealed to him strongly and recalling the youngster he authorized him to procure a policy for $5,000. The examiners found Grier to be a good risk. He was written up, and signed it over jointly to the young lover and his daughter, telling them they might have a basket picnic and a month's house party if they should come into the money by his demise. It was all done in his capricious jocular way.

A few months went by, and again the wheel of fortune had turned up for the colonel in still more extended tobacco speculations, and one day the young man broached the subject of increasing the amount of the policy.

One of the colonel's oldest friends, Judge Sam Tucker, was sitting with him swapping tales of their boyhood, and both were in rare spirits. The visitor asked to see the policy, read it carefully, and then said:

"Denby, I never saw one of these before, but I tell you it is a fine thing. You can do it. Build it up to $50,000 for the three girls. You are taking long chances on everything else. Give them a little protection."

"By George, I'll do it, Judge Sam," answered the colonel with a bang of his fist on the desk, and he did.

Raymond was handling the New York end of the successive deals that were being put through in tobacco by his brother-in-law, and spurred on by Raymond's boldness the colonel went farther and farther afield in his operations. The little bank and the farming business of his numerous tracts became very minor matters indeed. The people of the South were beginning to call Colonel Denby Grier the "Virginia Tobacco King," when suddenly the scene changed.

The spring of the year following the increase of the policy, the New York stock market turned on Raymond to pay up its old scores of raiding he had perpetrated upon it. His enemies saw he was hit and gathered together their full forces to batter and crush him if they could. In two weeks he was crippled. In a month he was approaching a crisis, and early in June he took train one Saturday, after the close of the Exchange, and hurried away to Virginia for a Sunday morning conference with Colonel Grier, who had not known thus far that Raymond was in any real danger.

It was a morning that I shall never forget. The beauty of the valley, clean washed by a heavy rain the night before, was that radiance of yellow sunshine, that white-flecked blue sky, and those stretches of brilliant varying green with white houses picked out among it, which have made June in that region famous. All the flowers but the tardy roses were in full bloom; the peonies made the terraces before the hill house seem one enormous burst of color hurled on a green velvet tapestry. The quiet of the Sabbath lay brooding over the town, and coming up the hill were little groups of

neighbors returning from church. Mrs. Raymond had been staying with the Griers for the month, and she and the girls with some friends were just turning into the gate when she caught sight of her husband's white face as he and the colonel, standing before an upper window, saw our party and turned away to come down. Instinctively she ran a little way up the walk to the wide-open door within which we could see the double stair and its old-fashioned turn and landing.

Vividly, as if it were an hour ago, I see the two men, so different in type, so utterly unlike in life, descending the steps, care and anxiety written on every feature of their faces.

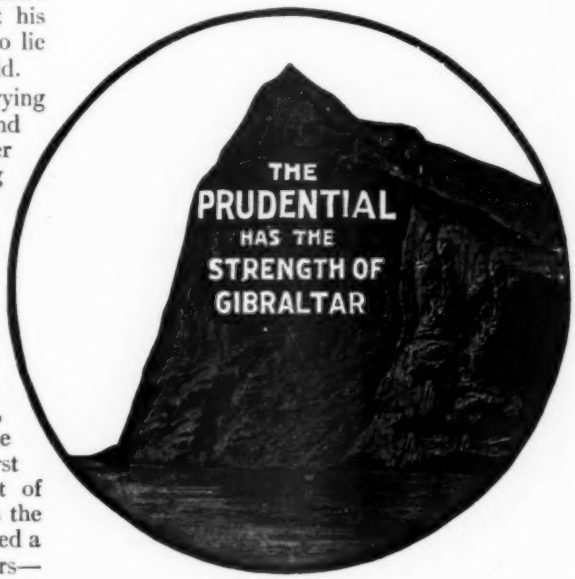
Just at the landing, the colonel reeled, caught feebly at the rail, pitched forward as Raymond cried out in horror and caught vainly at his arm, and came crashing down the flight to lie bleeding and dead across his own threshold.

Still in my mind's eye I see the hurrying figures, hear the bitter cries of anguish, and watch the startled neighbors coming to tender their aid to the stricken household. Leaning against one of the pillars, looking off across the far hills of the old State, stood Raymond, his face like white clay and every line of his mouth and jaw so changed that I knew Fate held the victory over him.

The next day he was of necessity in the saddle again in New York, but all the tide was against him, his last bulwark was gone, and when the Exchange opened the next morning the first feature of the day was the announcement of the failure of the old firm of which he was the real head, and among the brokers who paused a moment—a moment only in their own affairs—the whispered truth went abroad that Edward Raymond had collapsed physically and mentally and was at that moment battling with death in an uptown sanitarium.

Strange to say he survived, but all his former powers of aggression were gone. When the entangled affairs of his house were straightened out it was found that the ruin was complete, and when the courts were through all that was left of the splendid fortune was a little house in a suburb of Brooklyn, in his wife's name, something she had bought intending to give it to a faithful servant some years before. There I saw them the last time—she sewing peacefully on the little porch, he pottering around the small lawn, looking after his pet plants and shrubs, the two of them living quietly and perhaps more happily than ever before on the $1,200 per year which comes in from the investment of the $25,000 which they received last winter when the endowment policy matured.

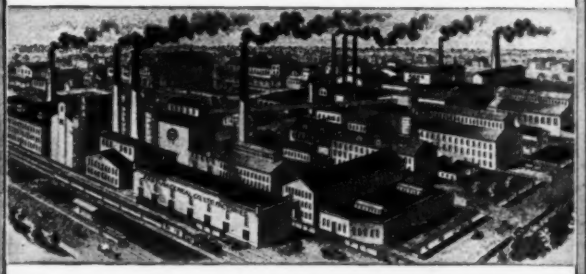
Of course the colonel's death left his tobacco deals half finished, his estate's losses through Raymond's failure did the remaining execution, and when the administration had cleared up the affairs of Colonel Denby Grier, the sole ward between his children and complete dependency, the only thing to keep his daughters from going into the town mills to earn their own living was the $50,000 Prudential Insurance policy. In the words of old Judge Sam, the colonel's lifelong friend, a poor man himself, "It stood out like a chimney tower above the blackened ruins of a mansion that had been swept by fire."



So, it seems to me, the lesson is complete. In setting it forth I am glad it redounds to the benefit of that great institution which in the stress of a late hysterical day has not been found vulnerable to assault any more than that mighty Rock, the impregnable Gibraltar, the Keeper of the Eastern Gate, whose stanchness it has taken for its emblem. The principle is good and the millions who have their welfare bound up in the conduct of this company have shown their complete approval of that same conduct. I cannot forget the monition in the sight of Colonel Denby Grier at the height of a noble and unsullied career of success, plunging down to lie white and silent before the eyes of those entirely dependent on his continued existence.

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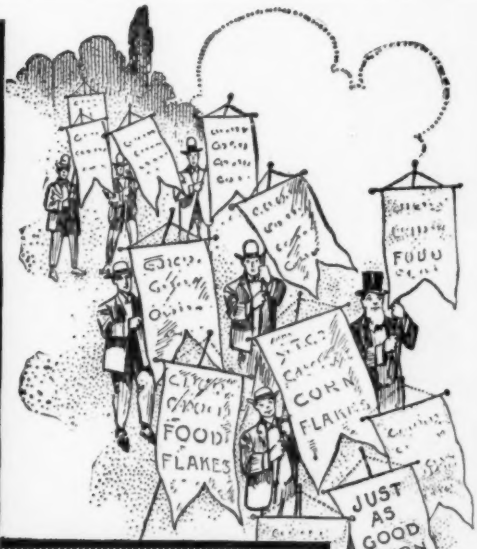


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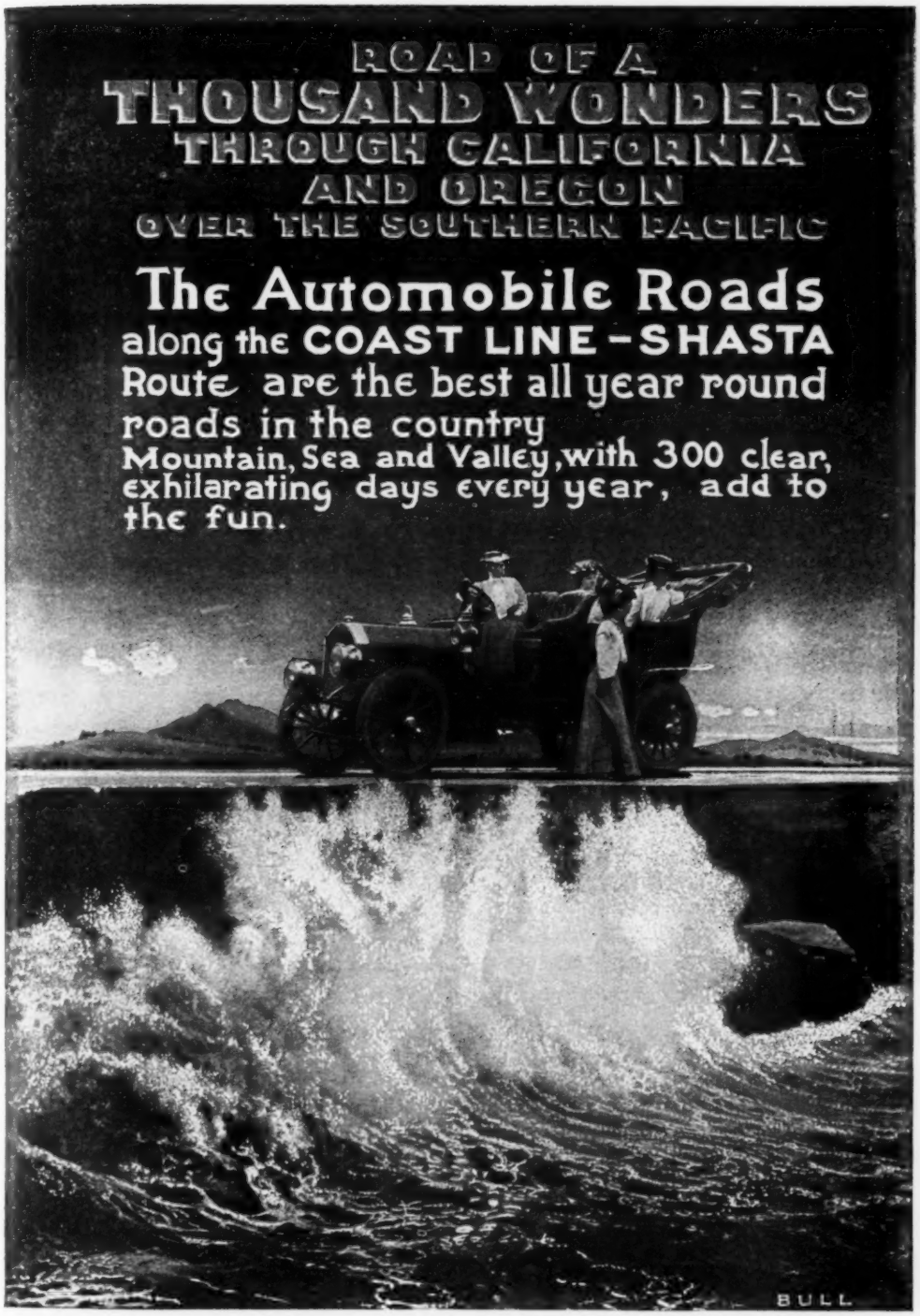
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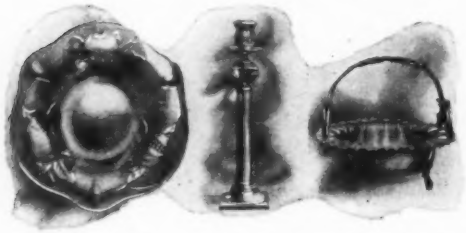
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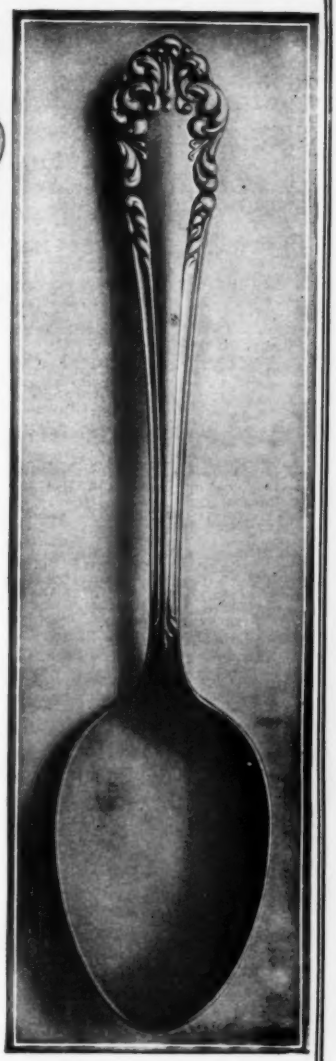
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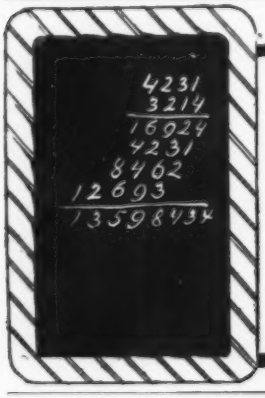
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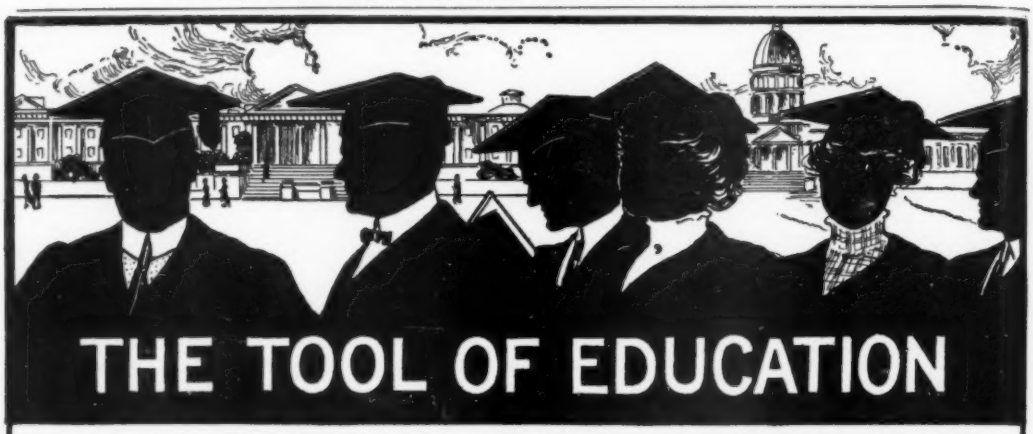
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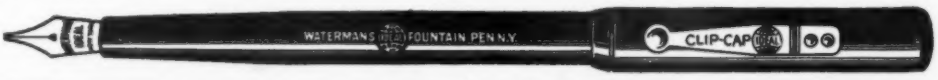
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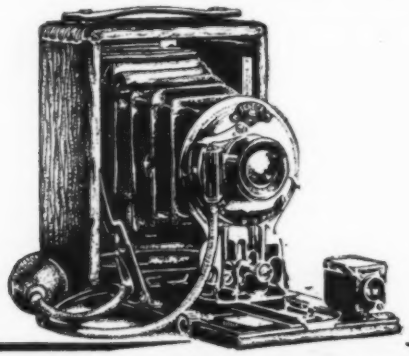
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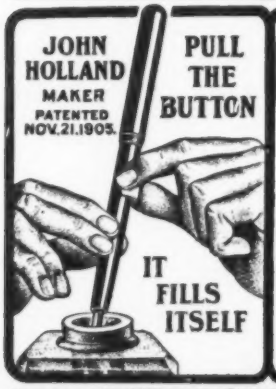
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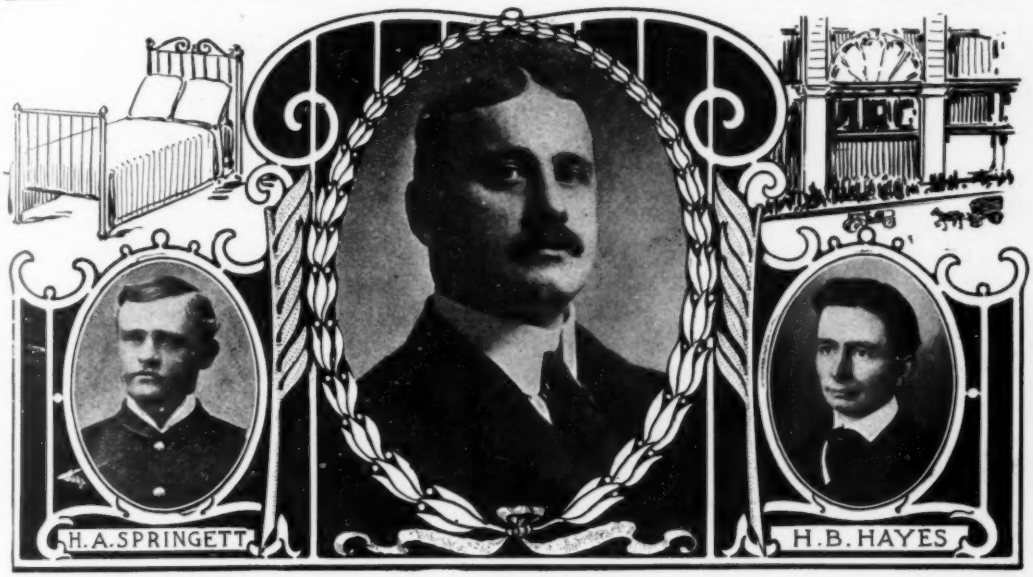


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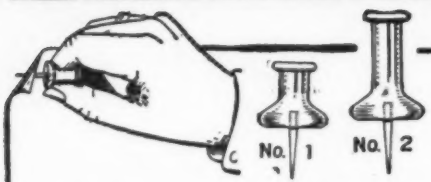
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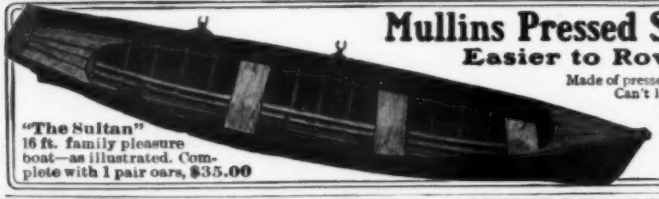
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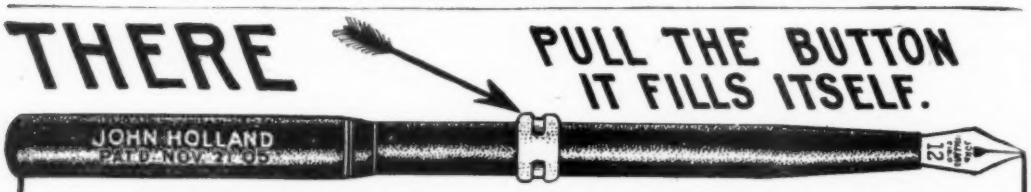
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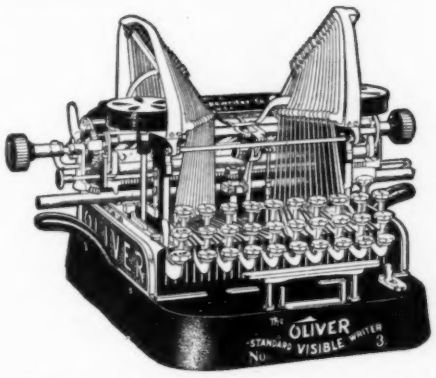
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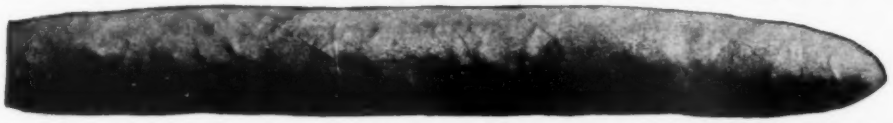
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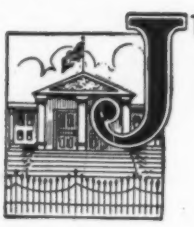
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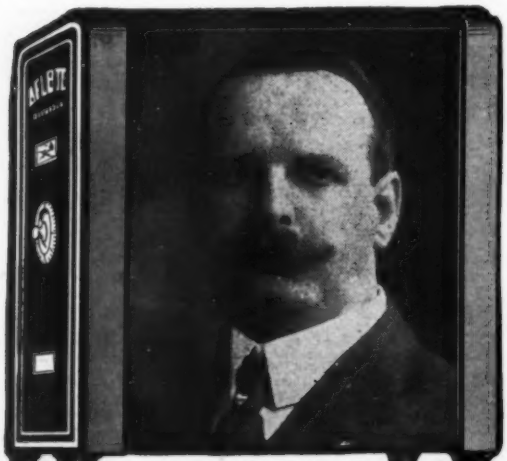
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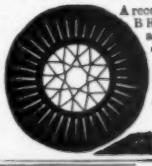
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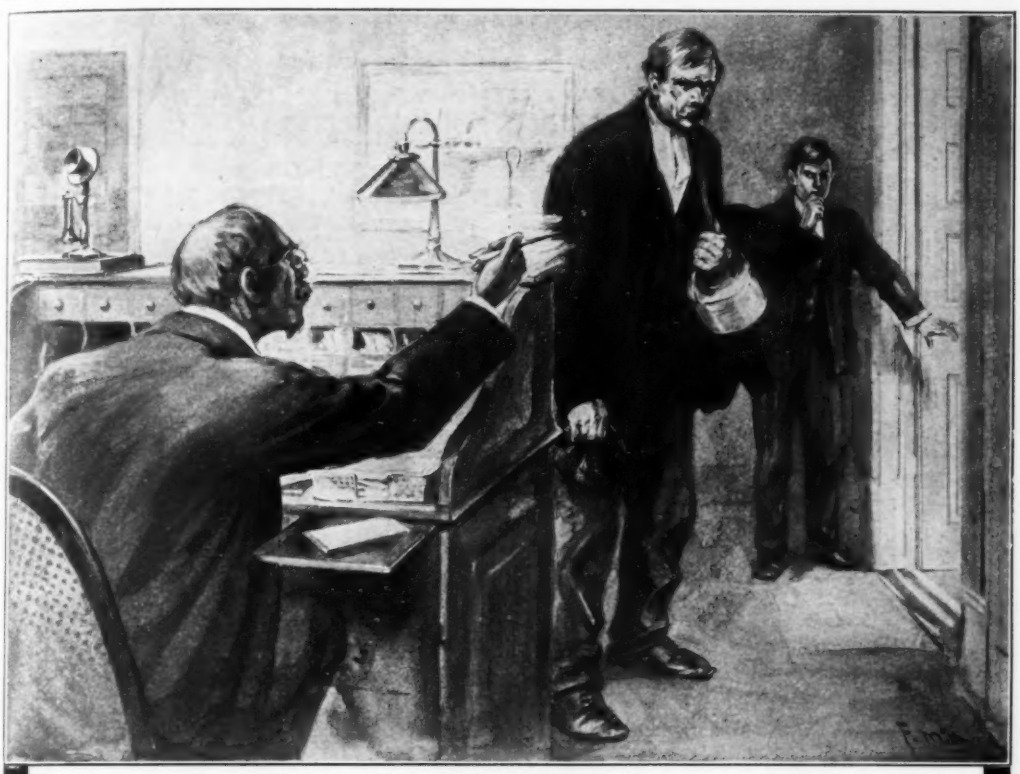


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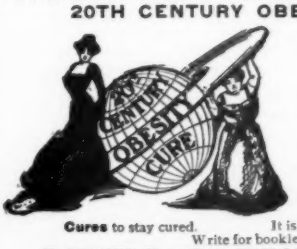
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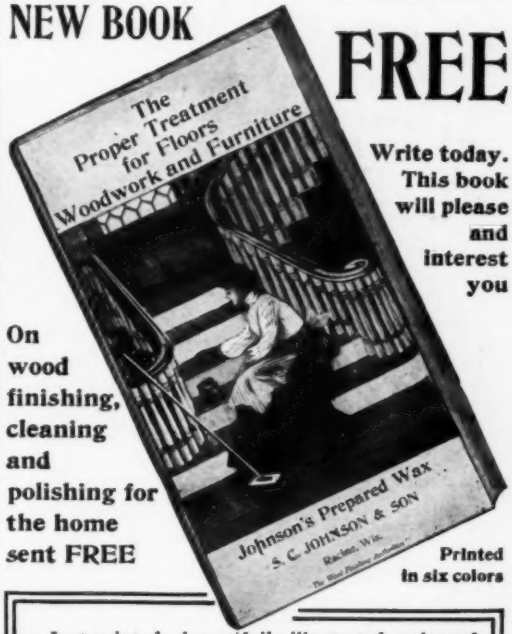
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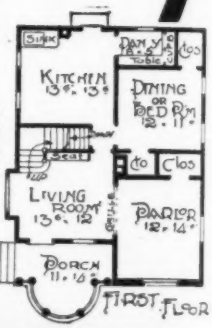
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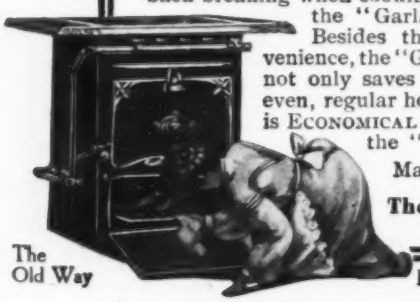

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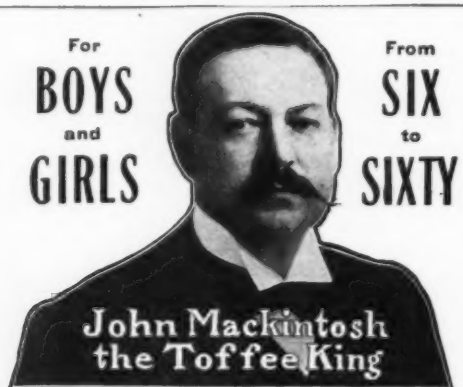
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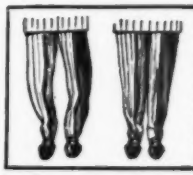
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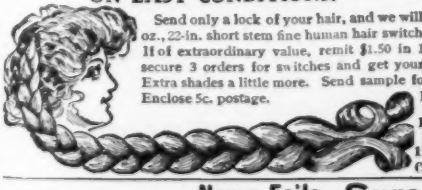
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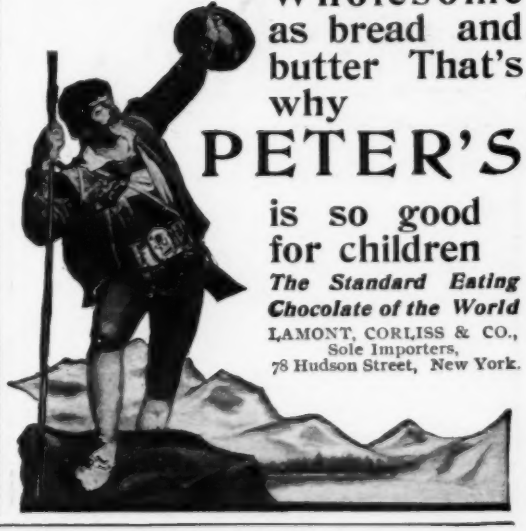
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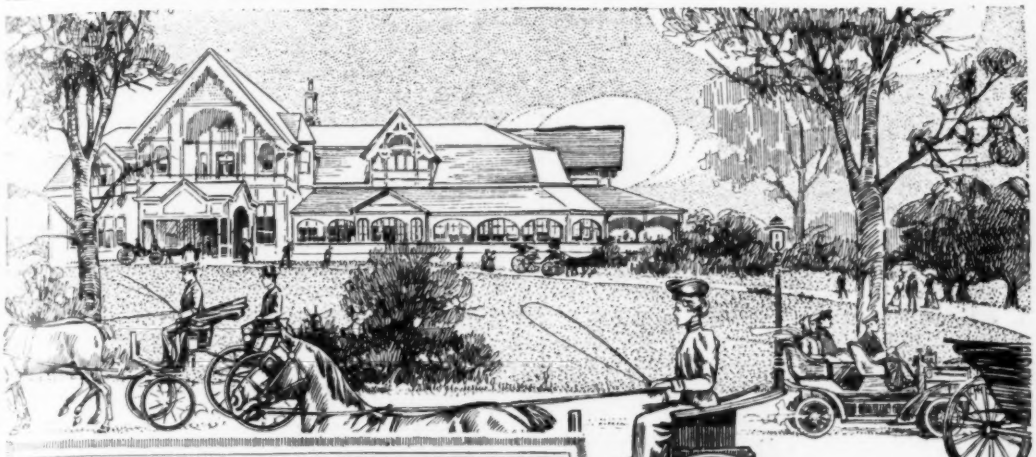


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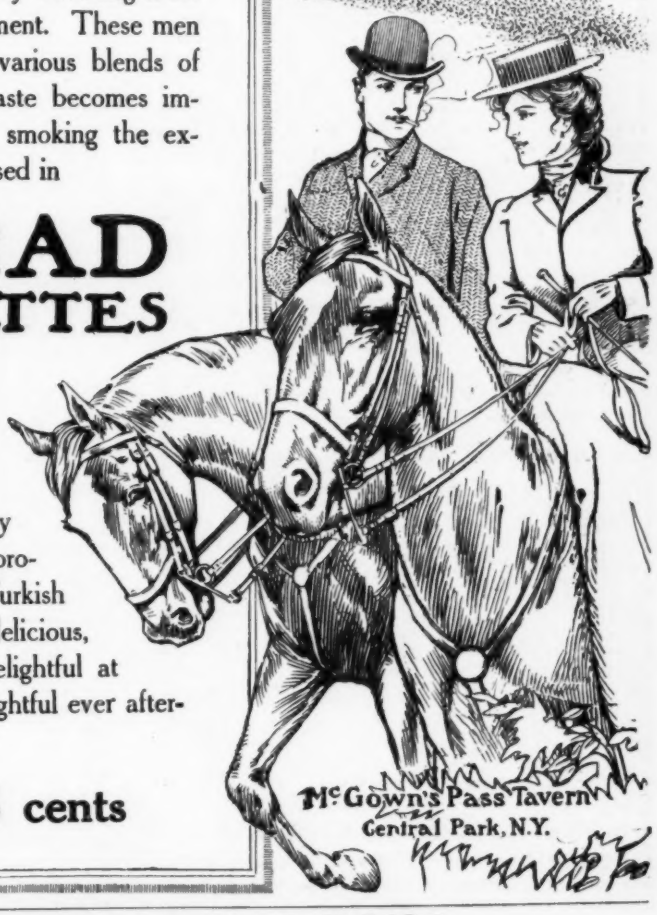


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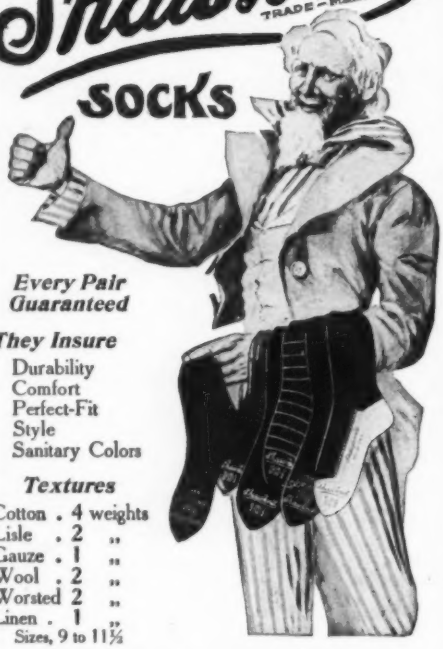
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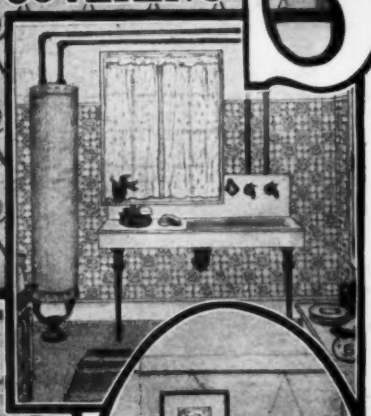
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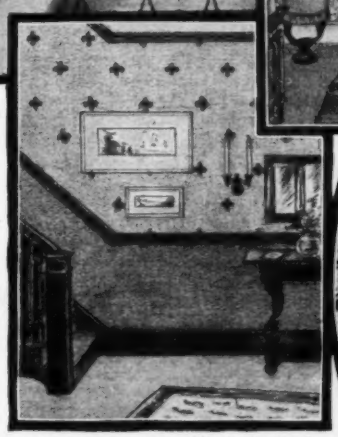
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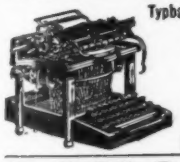
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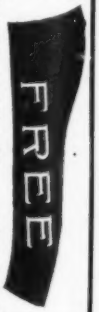
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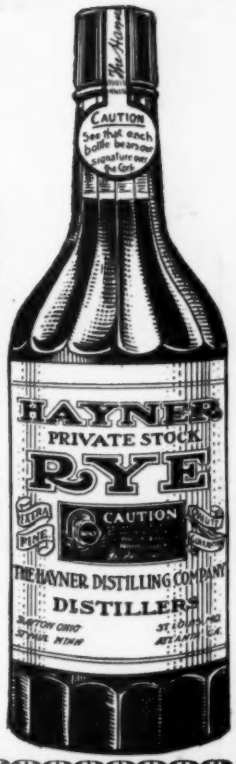
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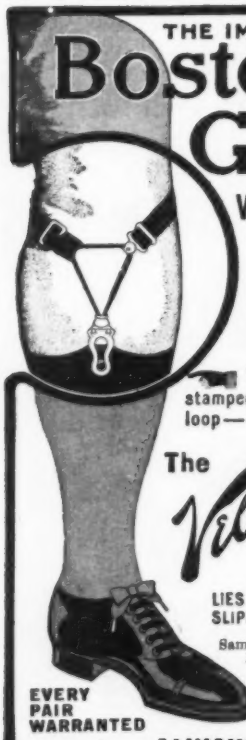
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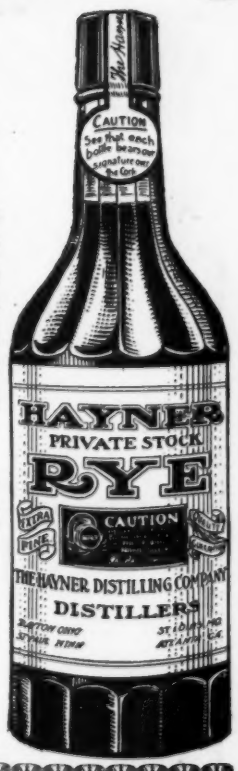
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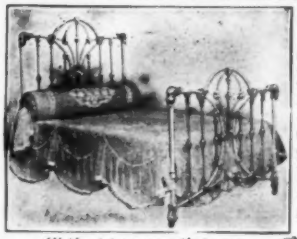
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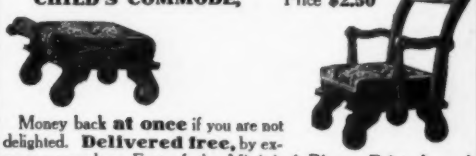
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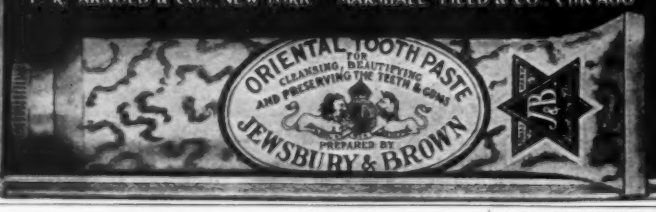
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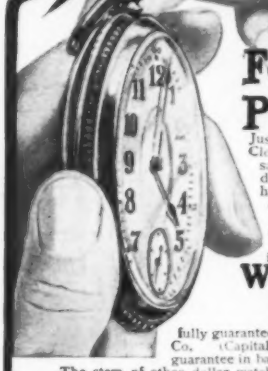
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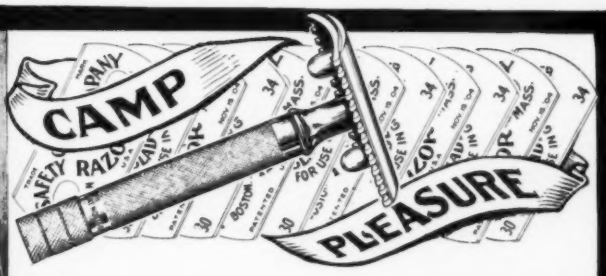
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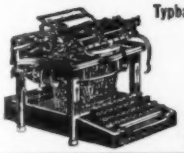
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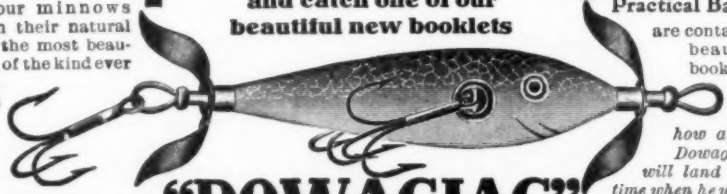
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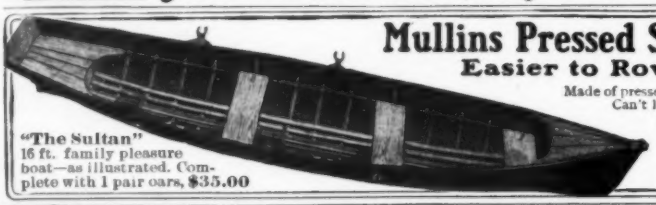
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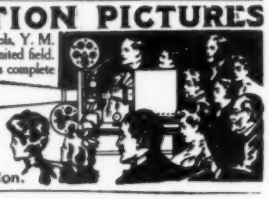
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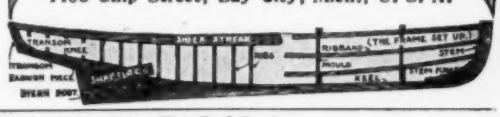
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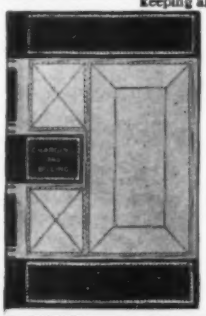




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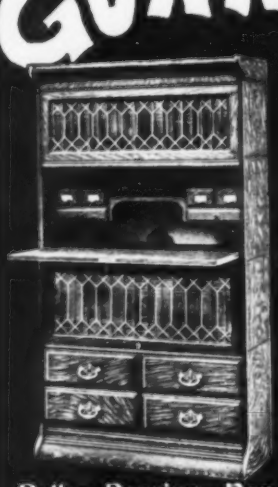
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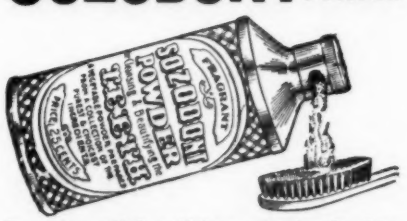
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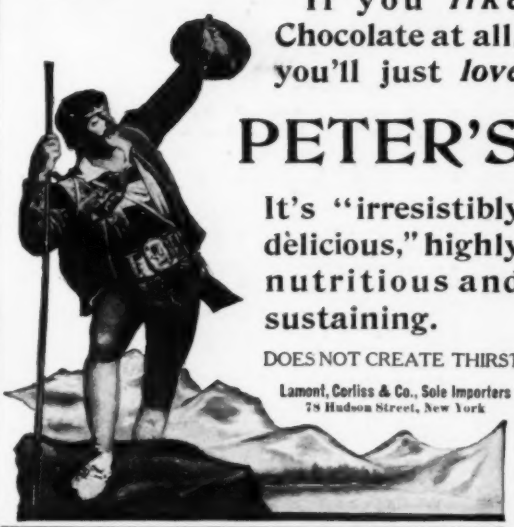
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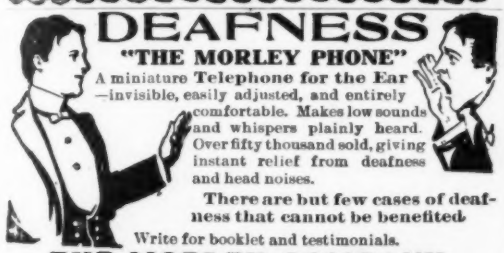


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THE WORLD'S GREATEST FACIAL REMEDIES WILL RESTORE RUINED COMPLEXIONS TO THE BEAUTY AND PURITY OF YOUTH.

If your blood is impure, or if you have **pimples, freckles, wrinkles, blackheads, redness** of **face** or **nose, a muddy, sallow skin,** or **any blemish** on or under the skin, you need **Dr. Campbell's Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers** and **Fould's Arsenic Complexion Soap.**

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This coupon is good for one trial package of Kellogg's Obesity Food with testimonials from hundreds who have been greatly reduced, mailed free in plain package. Simply fill in your name and address on dotted lines below and mail to

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DRUG HABIT

If so write at once stating DRUG used and we will send from a Doctors' prescription a free trial treatment to convince that you can be cured with ease at home of your DRUG HABIT.
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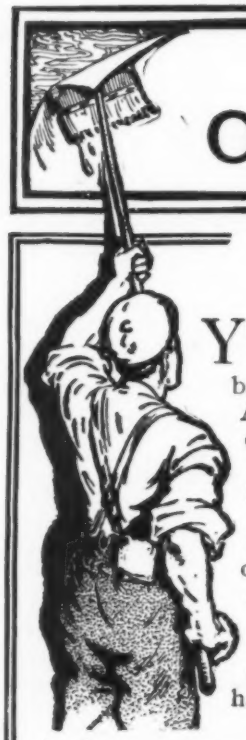
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Talks on Outdoor Advertising

What Is Sauce for the Goose Is Not Always Sauce for the Gander

YOUR business and that of your neighbor, Mr. Outdoor Advertiser, must each be handled on its own individual merits.

Due consideration must be given by each of you to what has gone *before* in your own particular business — if there is to be any certainty as to what will happen *afterwards*.

You cannot attain business success by merely following the lead of others without regard to the particular needs of your particular business.

It's a hazardous game to play "Follow-the-Leader" unless you are sure *that* leader knows where he is going and why he is going there.

In advertising in general, and Poster and Street Car Advertising in particular, this "Follow-the-Leader" game has cost the man who pays the bills thousands upon thousands of dollars.

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If a certain successful advertiser pursues a certain course at a certain time, it is taken for granted by many other advertisers that by following the same course the same success will be attained.

As a result, the unthinking "Follower" finds that after "it is all over" he has been losing money instead of making it and has been storing his goods instead of selling them.

Take for illustration the "Spotless Town" series advertising Sapolio.

This series has perhaps caused more talk and received more favorable comment by press and public than any similar advertising ever placed.

The strength and attractiveness of the whole, and the delightful swing to the jingles which formed the text of these cards at once caught the popular fancy, and immediately jingles became an advertising fad without regard to their appropriateness or advertising value.

Those who adopted the jingle fad never knew—never thought—until the time came to pay the bills and balance the ledger, that the "Spotless Town" rhymes might *not* have been intended primarily to SELL GOODS.

It did not occur to these adapters that the "Spotless Town" series might have been designed and placed with the sole idea of keeping interest alive in the minds of those who had ALREADY been convinced of the superiority of Sapolio by copy possessing the strongest kind of selling force which had been used YEARS BEFORE.

So you see, Mr. Outdoor Advertiser, that "Spotless Town" might not have been intended to create new trade by implanting conviction but on the contrary might have been designed solely to keep the public reminded that Sapolio had already been used and found good —to keep alive conviction already implanted.

There is no question that it accomplished the purpose for which the series was designed.

It is freely acknowledged that an article so well known and universally used as Sapolio could perhaps afford to spend money in the attempt to merely keep the public from forgetting the name—though even Sapolio might add to the value of that advertising by, at the same time, trying to convert new trade.

But, while Sapolio could afford to indulge themselves in advertising jingles to keep alive a trade, the new advertiser needs copy that will sell goods, for until his advertising does sell goods, he has no trade to keep alive.

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The Sapolio people themselves acknowledge by their own advertising, that "Spotless Town" methods will not profitably market a new article.

In proof of which, note the methods of the same company to introduce a new, but similar, product—Hand Sapolio.

No jingle to this copy—nothing "cute" about it—nothing to create an advertising fad.

Just direct, clear, strong, straight-from-the-shoulder statement of facts and nothing else.

The whole Hand Sapolio campaign was based on logical reasoning, simply and tersely

presented, to convince the buying public of the merits of the new toilet soap.

The Hand Sapolio advertising is as convincing and filled with concentrated salesmanship as "Spotless Town" is "catchy" and "artistic."

Hundreds of new or inexperienced advertisers charmed by the jingles of "Spotless Town" surfeited the public with nonsensical, nonconvincing and profit-destroying rhymes.

But the Sapolio people *themselves* when *they* wanted to *introduce* a *new* product (not merely *sustain* an established trade) foresook and did not consider their Jingle Department but concentrated their efforts upon implanting conviction through simple reasoning and cold logic, tersely put.

So you see, Mr. Outdoor Advertiser, what is sauce for the goose is not always sauce for the gander.

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Methods which might mean business *success* for a competitor might—and probably would—mean business *suicide* for you.

Your own interests, your prosperity, your success depends upon your having your Poster and Street Car Advertising planned, written and designed exclusively for you, to suit your own special needs, and the peculiar requirements of your own business.

It's expensive and unnecessary to advertise by guess or play "Follow-the-Leader," in planning your advertising campaign.

It's equally expensive and unnecessary to have your Poster or Street Car Cards prepared by color printers who by training and experience are totally unqualified to understand your special requirements from a salesmanship standpoint or to intelligently meet these requirements if they did understand them.

Yet, notwithstanding this, 99 per cent of all posters and car cards in use today have been prepared as to idea, text and design by color printers—and in consequence are "artistic" instead of convincing. For the color printer by education and practice is an art worker, not a business man.

The modern advertising agency trained in selling goods by the proper use of printers' ink is the logical place to look for Poster and Street Car copy which will in a given time move the greatest amount of merchandise at a given cost.

Lord & Thomas, however, is the only Agency, Company or individual in America equipped to prepare poster and street car advertisements primarily designed to implant conviction and clear the merchandise from the shelves of their customers.

Lord & Thomas alone have had the foresight and the nerve required to spend over $30,000 in establishing a Special Outdoor Advertising Department equipped to give the same efficient service on Bill Board and Street Car copy that is given to their customers using newspaper and magazine space.

The copy force in this department are specially trained men, qualified by education and experience to intelligently analyze advertising propositions and prepare posters and car cards which will market the greatest amount of goods at the least expense.

This special organization, while entirely separate and distinct from Lord & Thomas' newspaper and magazine force, is in a position to draw at will upon the 30 years' experience of the company as a whole in correctly judging your needs and in deciding how most economically to market your product on the boards or in the cars.

The services of these specially trained men in this, the only specialized Outdoor Advertising Department in America—are yours without charge, if you want them.

It will cost you no more to have your Posters and Car Cards prepared by Lord & Thomas' trained poster copy men than it does now to have them prepared by color printers who are artists and not salesmen.

Space on billboards or in street cars will cost you the same no matter from whom you buy it—whether from Lord & Thomas, or direct, or through any other authorized agency.

The posting systems bear the expense of this service—not you. Because they recognize that in proportion as you succeed through Bill Board and Street Car advertising, to just that extent will it mean success for them.

Therefore, if Lord & Thomas look after your bill posting and street car work your space will cost you basically no more and no less than it does at present, but this space will be immeasurably increased in value and productiveness by being filled with sales-producing copy.

If you are interested in Outdoor Advertising, or contemplate Outdoor work, or if you wish your Billboard and Street Car Space to bring you BETTER RETURNS, write us for our Book on Outdoor Advertising—which fully covers in detail every phase of this form of publicity. We are also about to issue a series of small books (cloth bound) covering advertising—newspaper, magazine and outdoor—in all its phases.

The value of the information and data this series contains cannot be measured by the price they were intended to sell at—$4.00—but we will gladly send them free to any interested advertiser.

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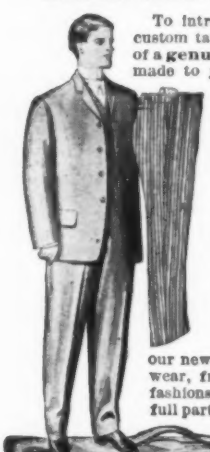
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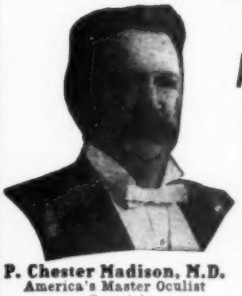
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It Does

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You have writing to do, that's why you need a typewriter. Of course, you can still write with a pen or pencil, and so can water be brought up by a bucket and chain; but few do it that way any more—time is too valuable.

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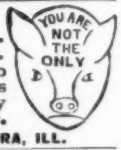
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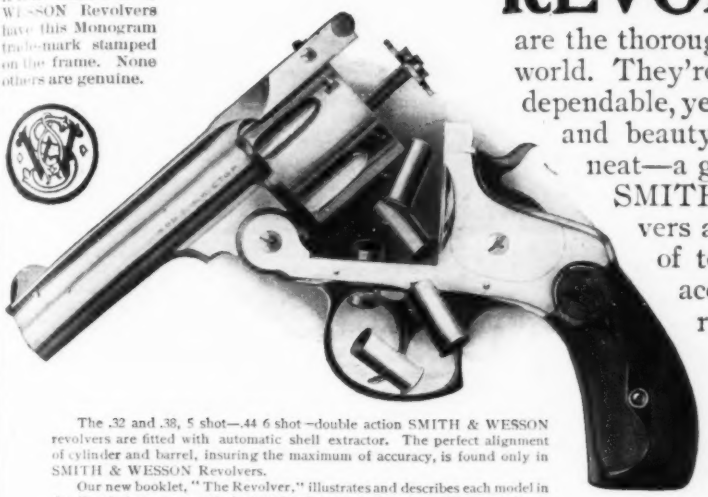


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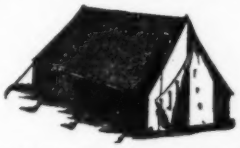
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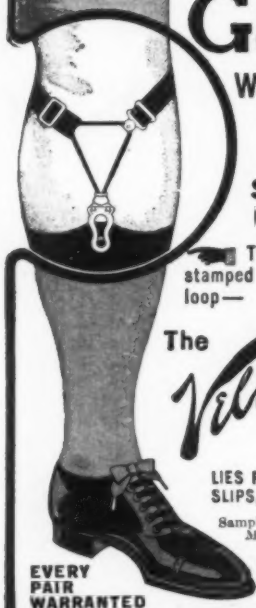
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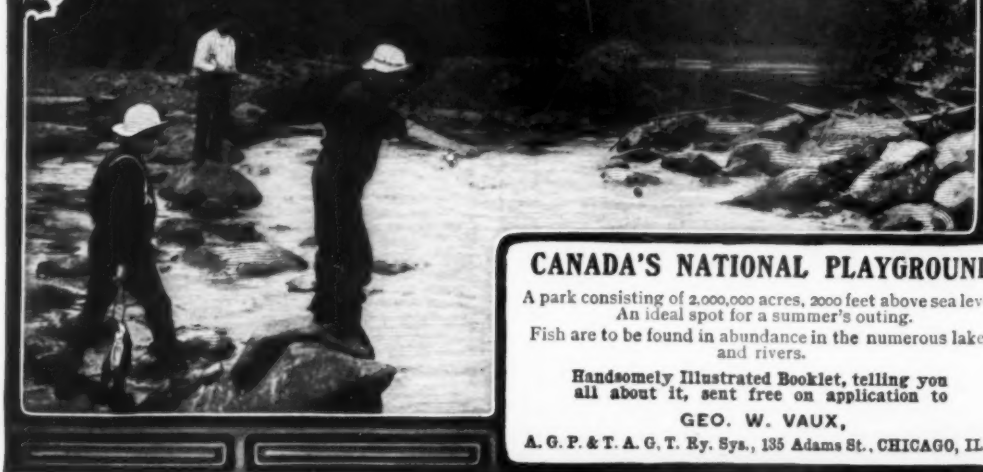
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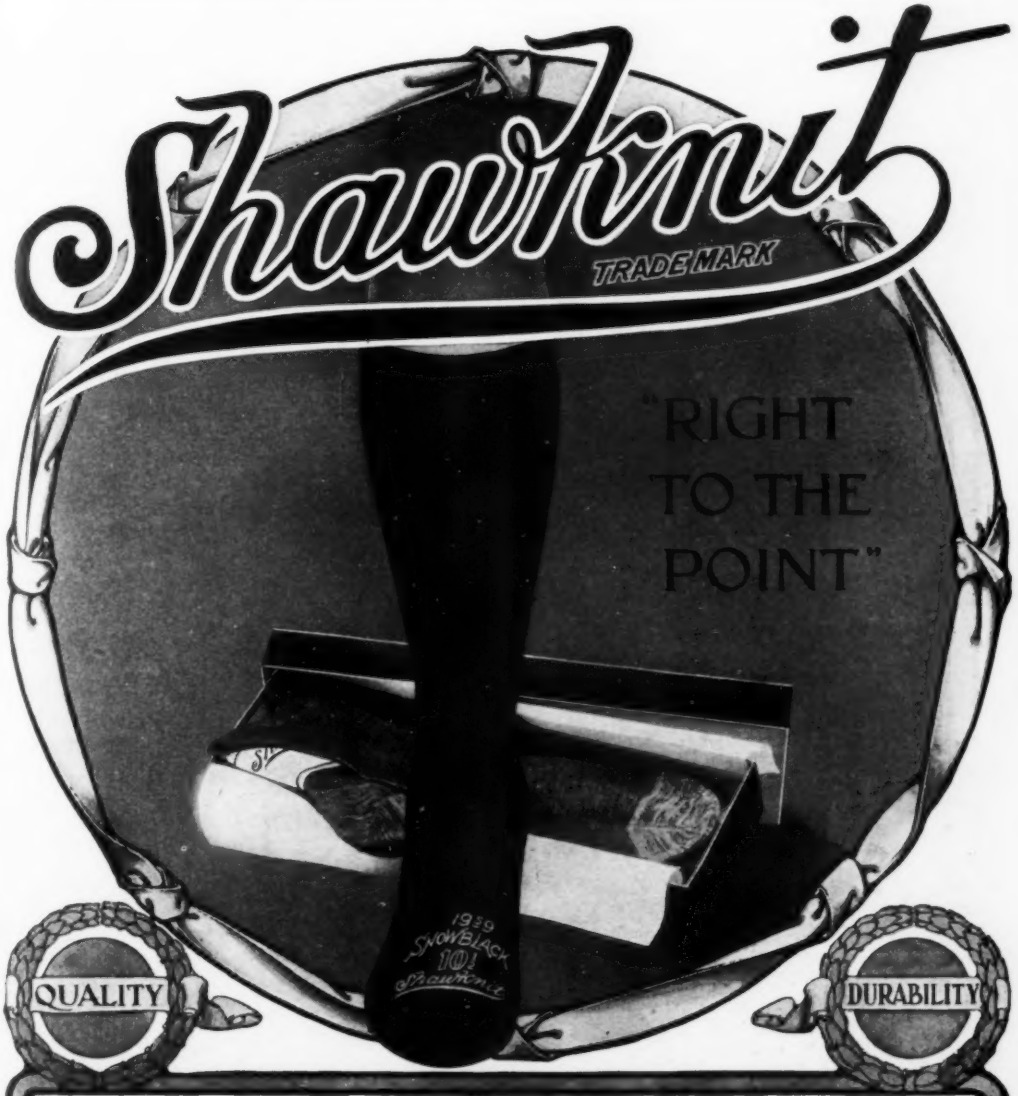
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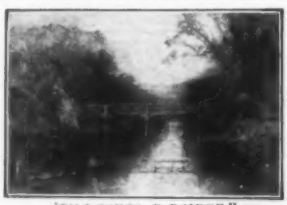
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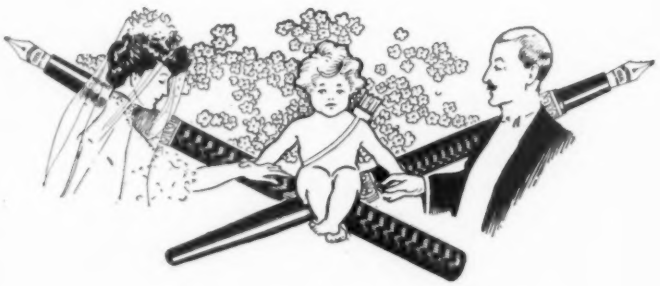
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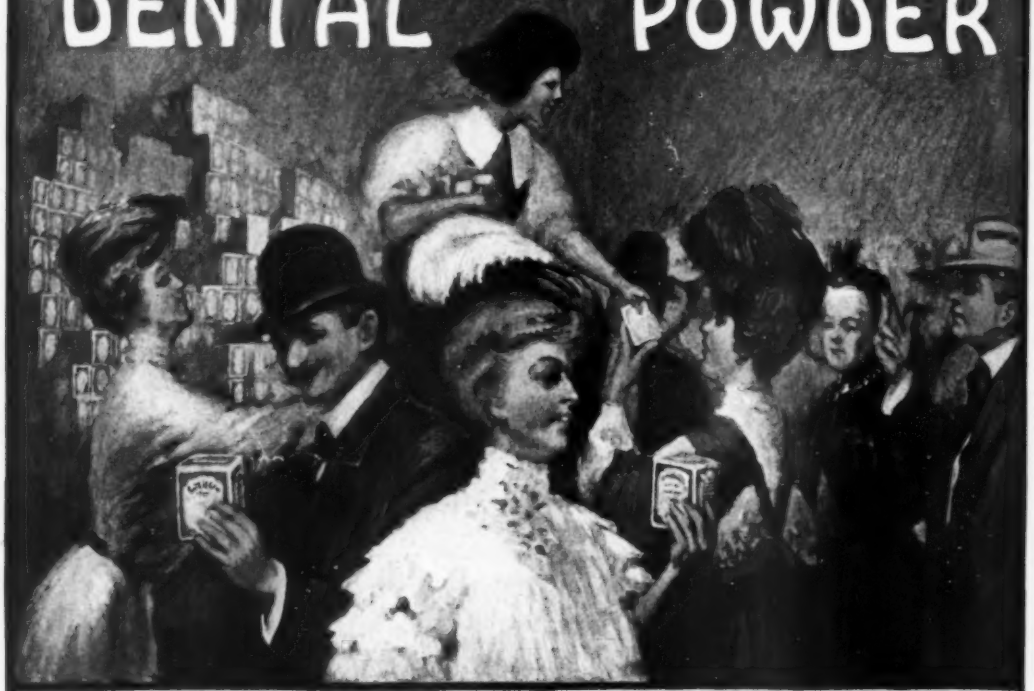
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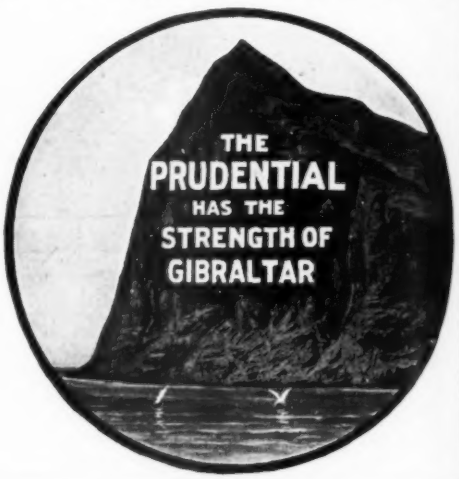
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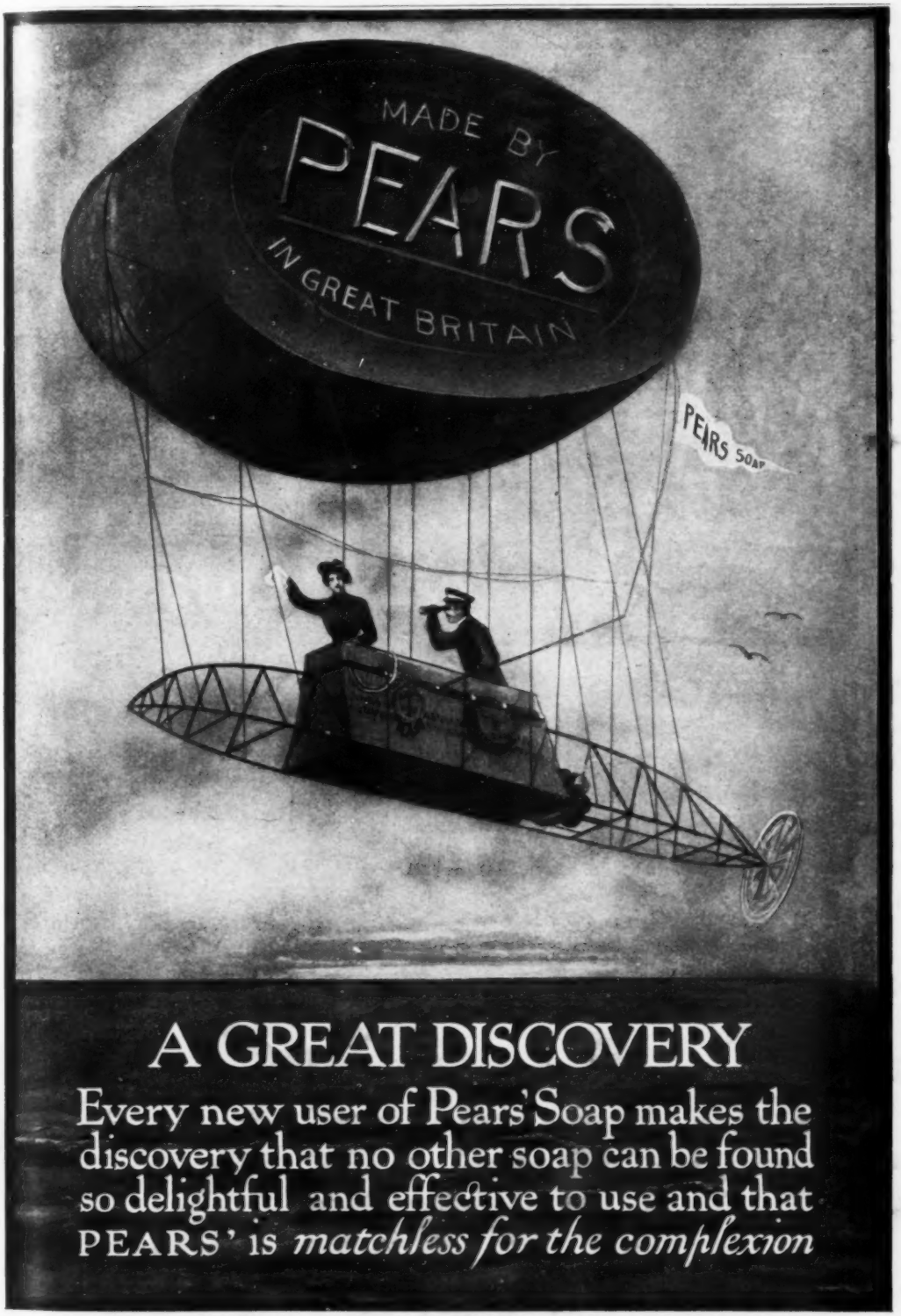
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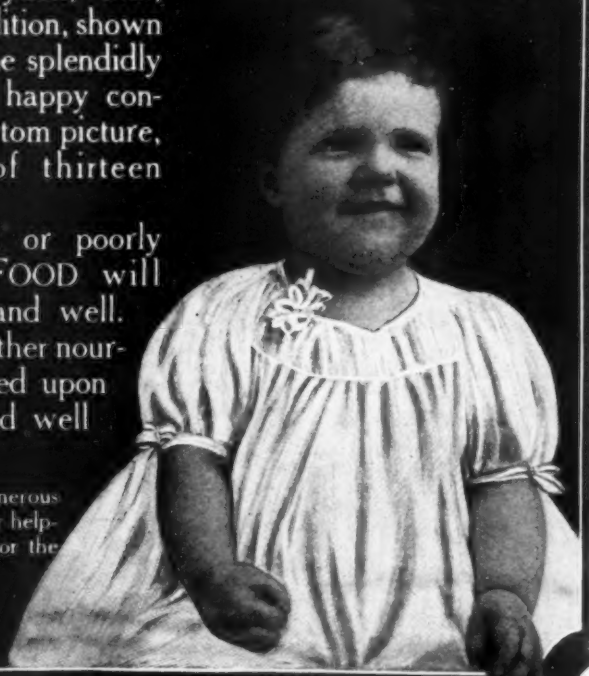
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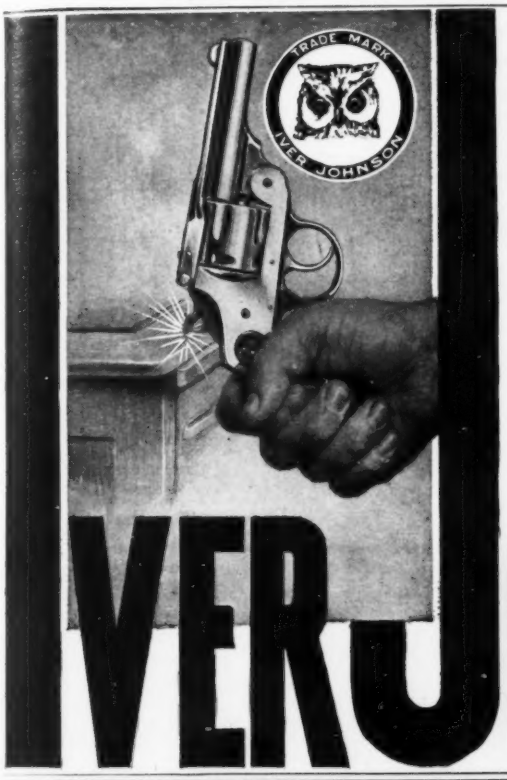
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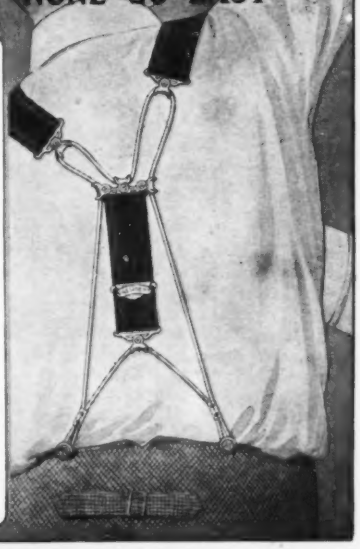
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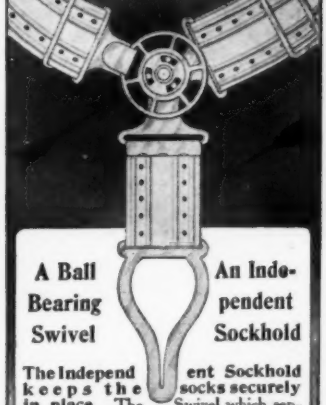
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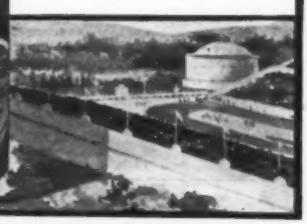


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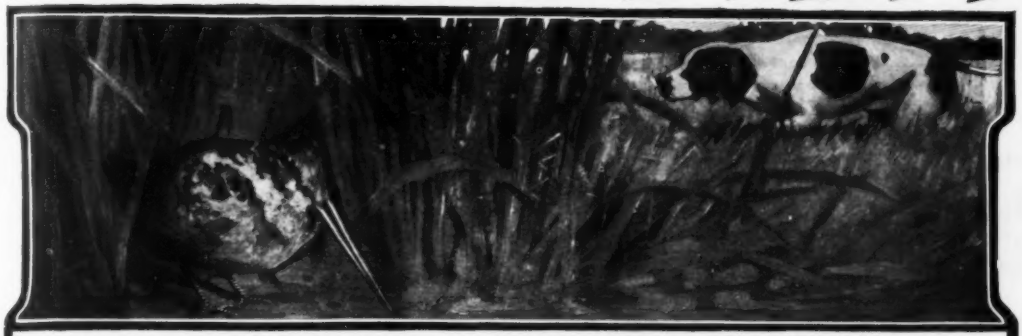
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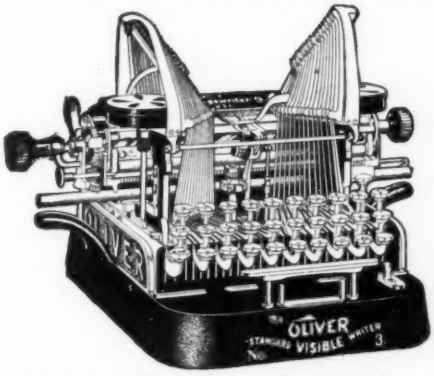
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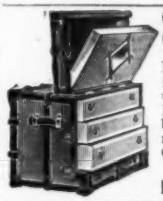
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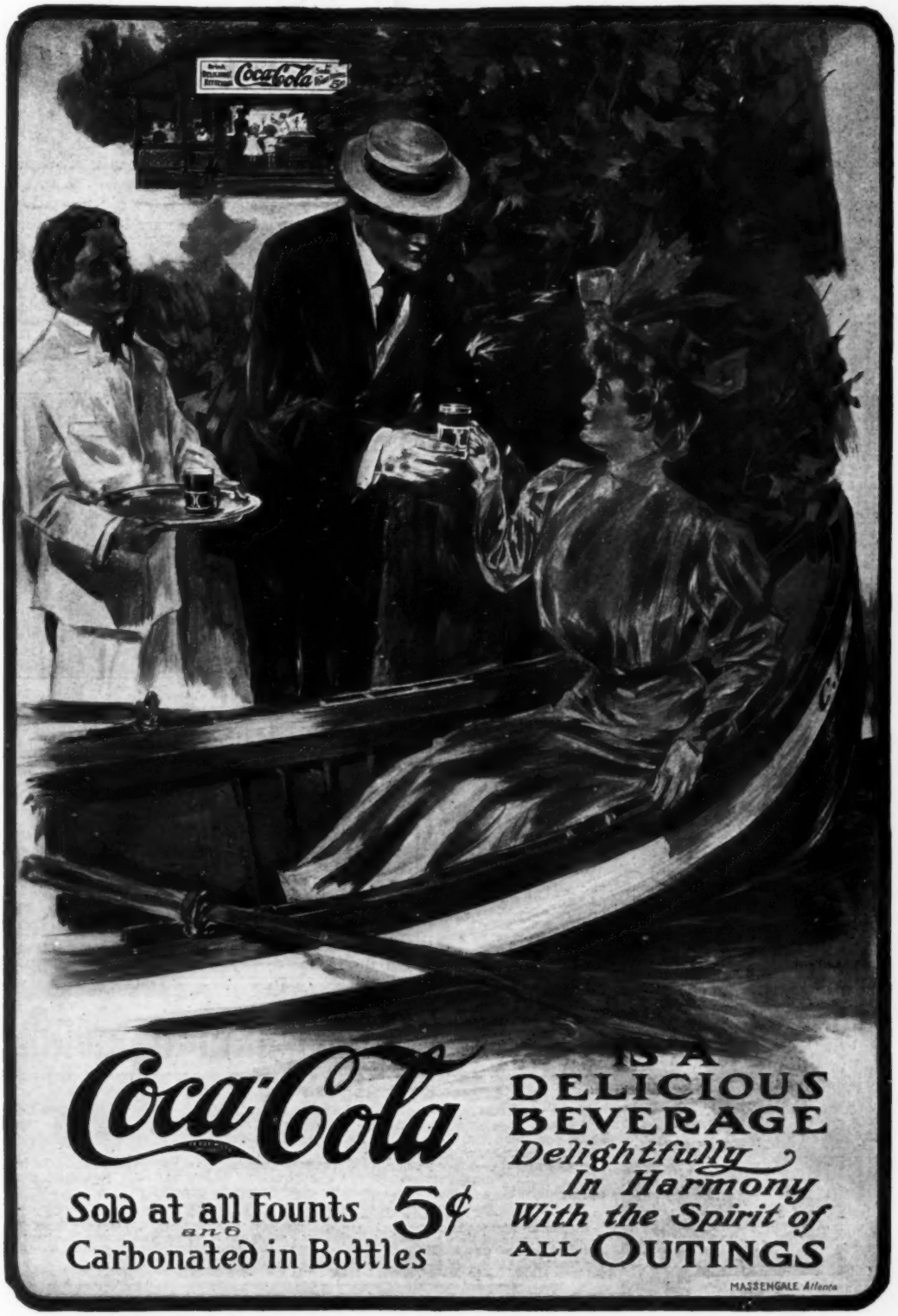


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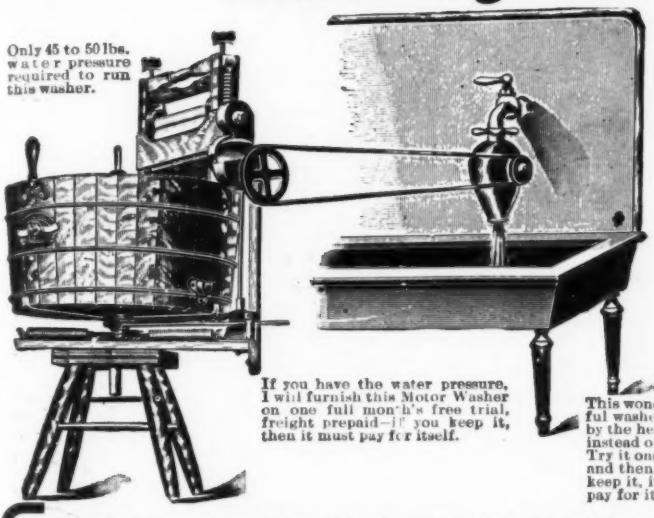
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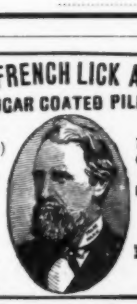
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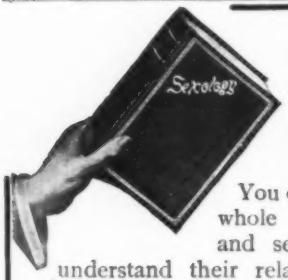
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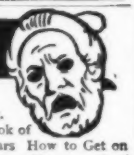
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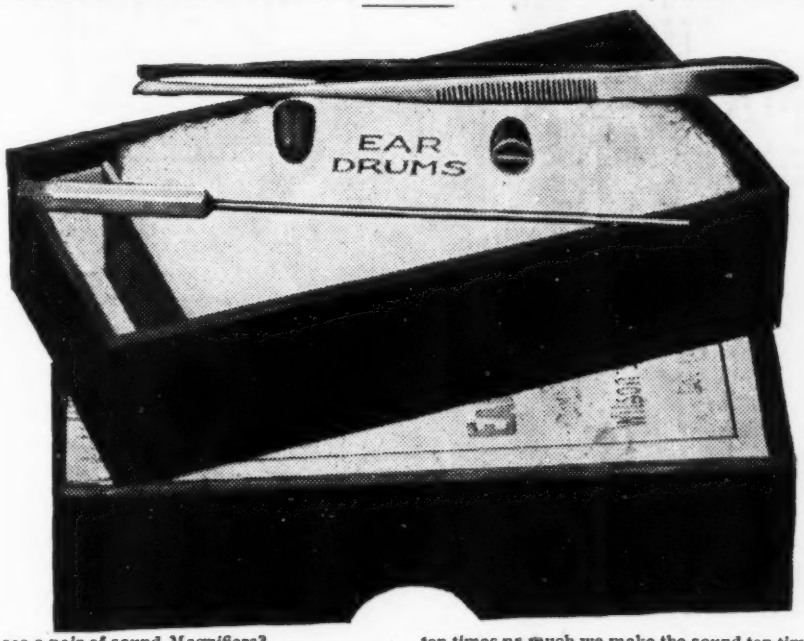


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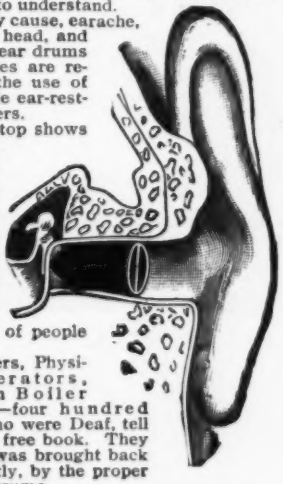
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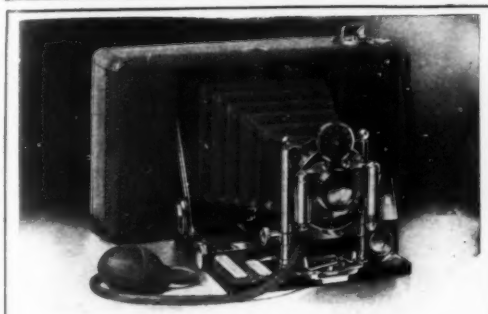



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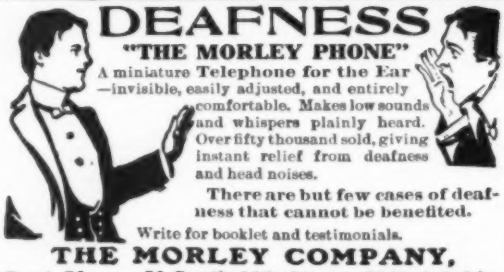
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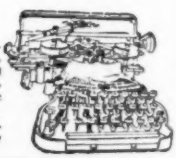
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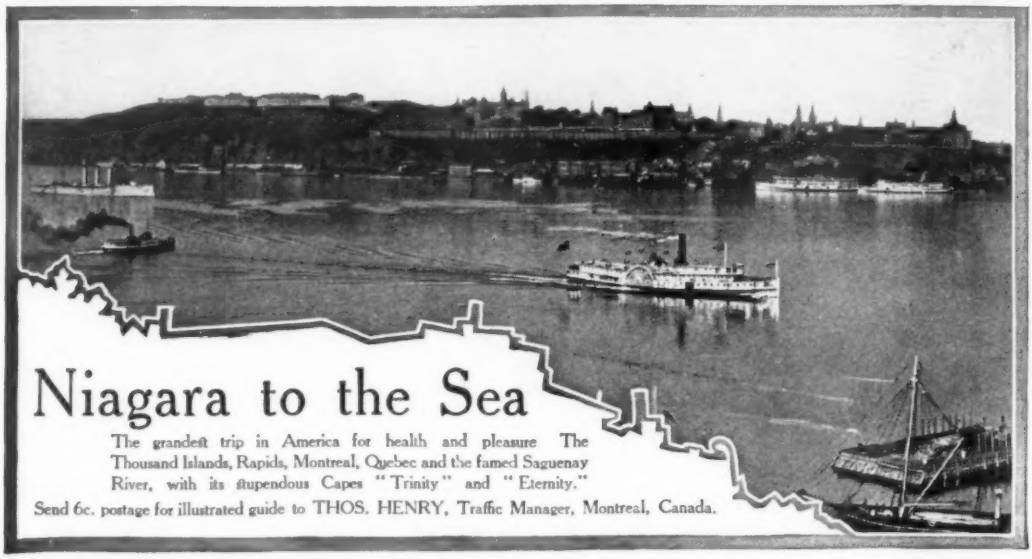
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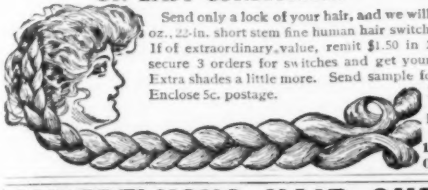
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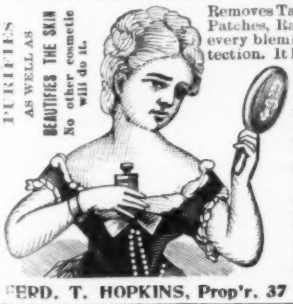


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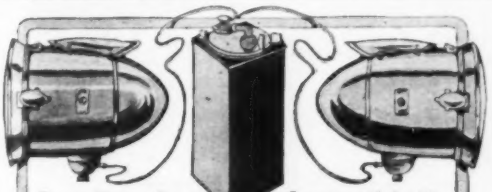


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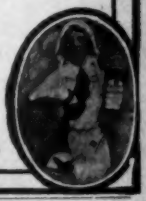
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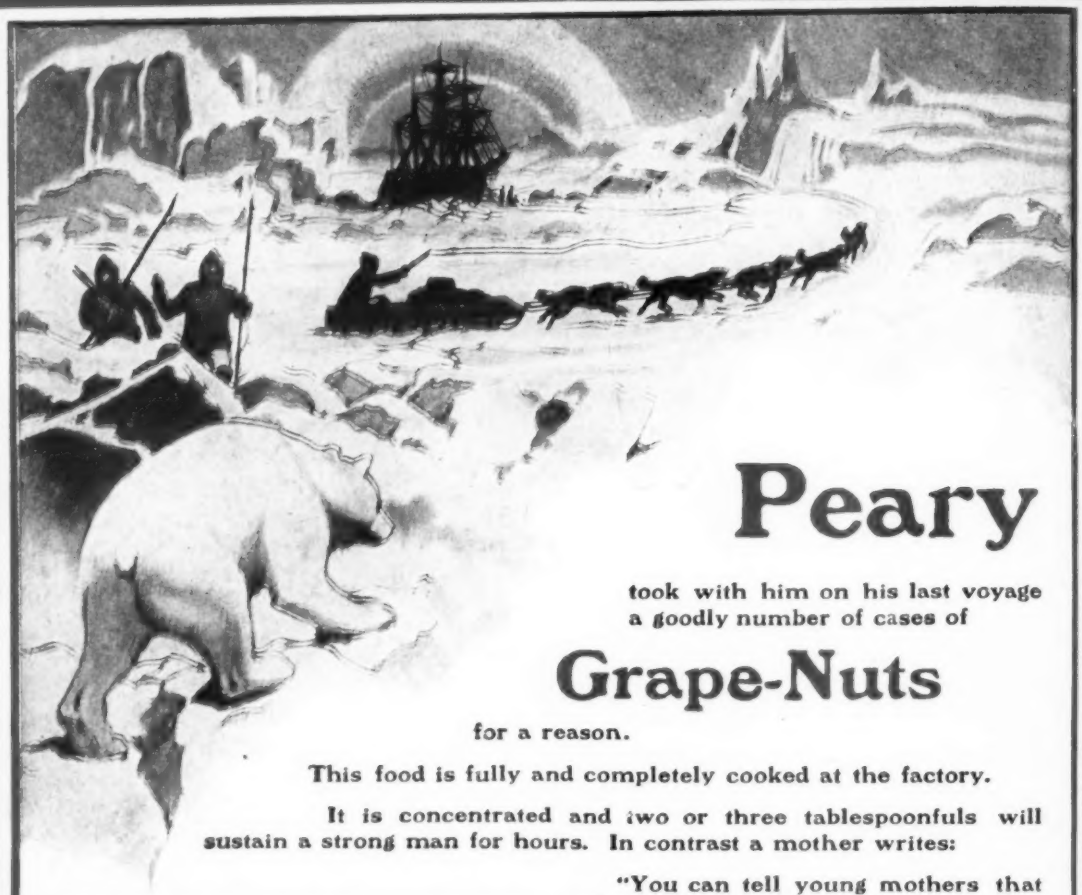
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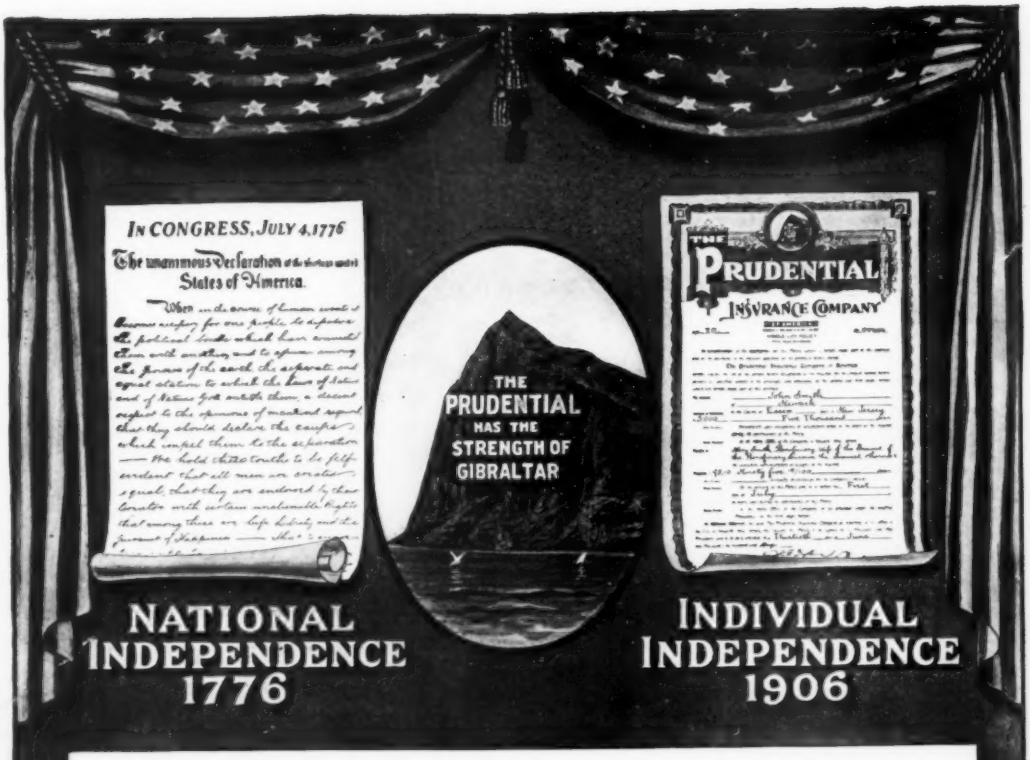
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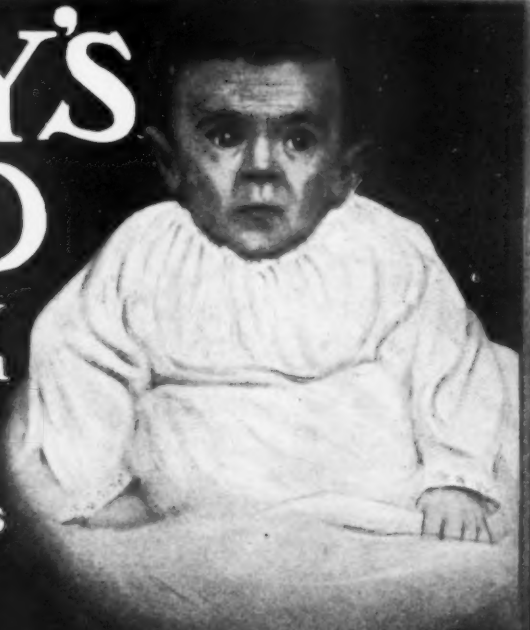
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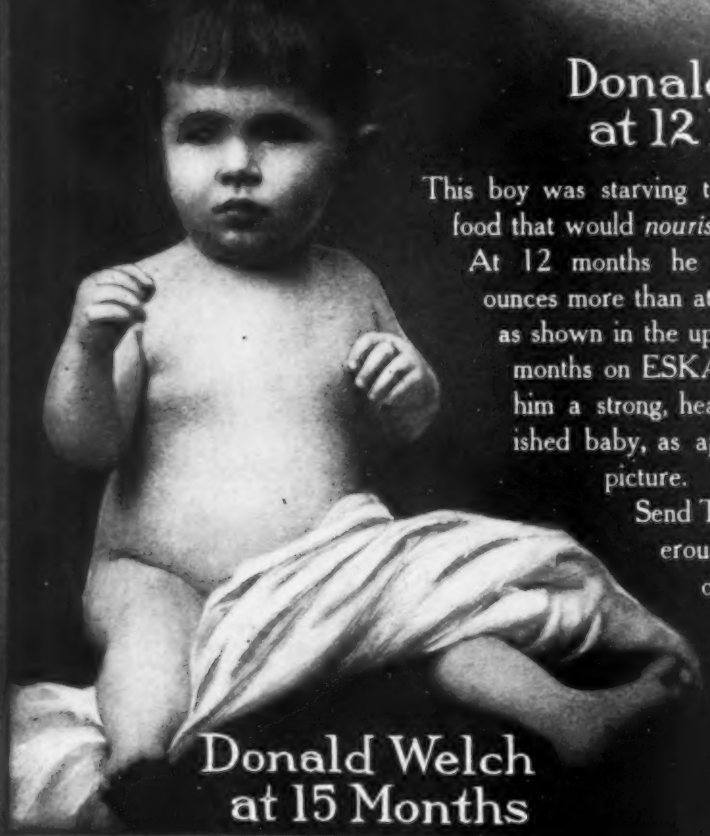
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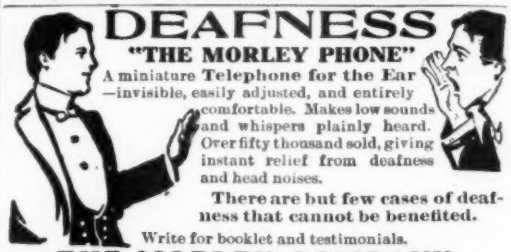
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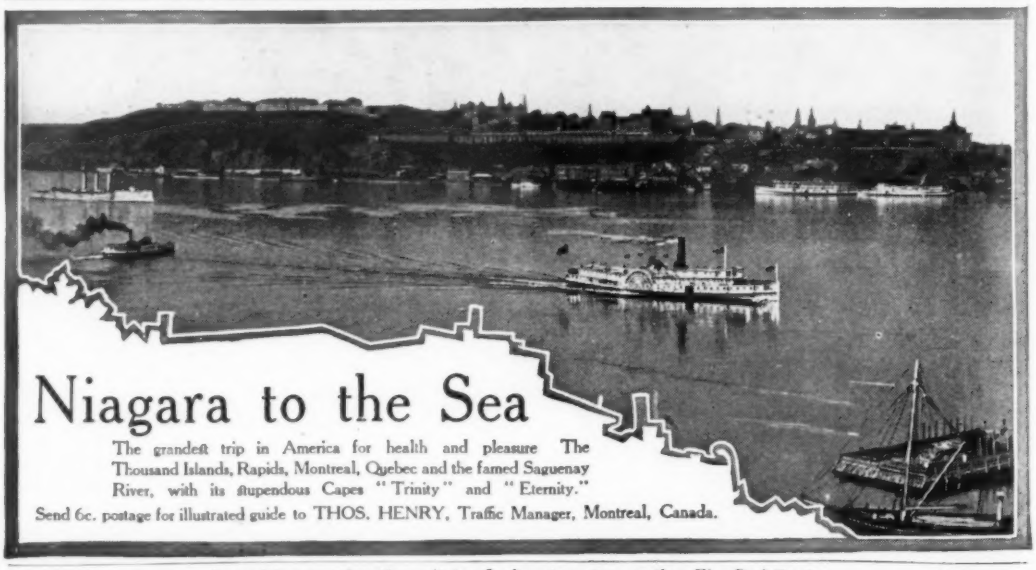
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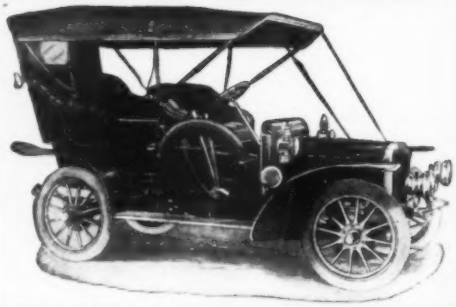
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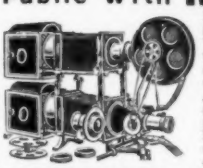


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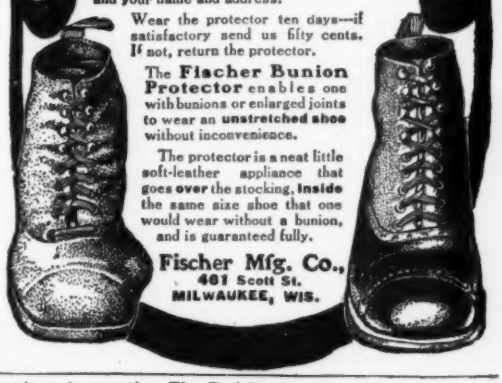
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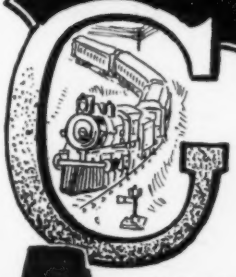
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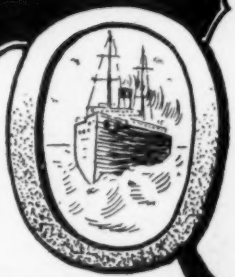
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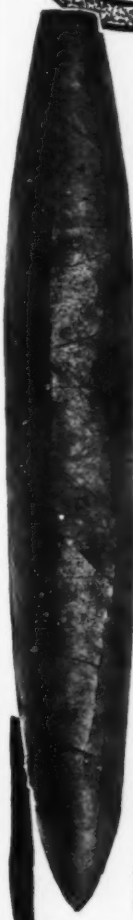
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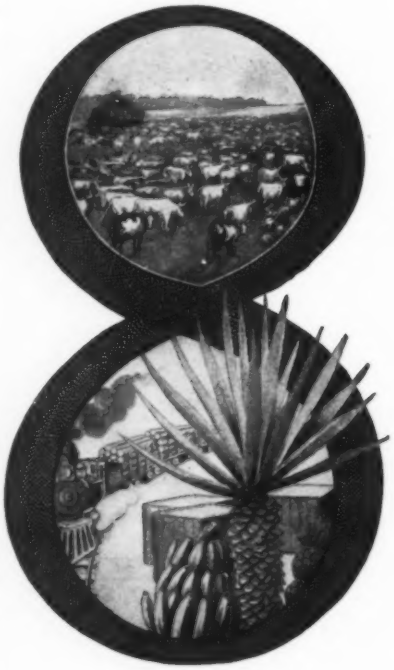


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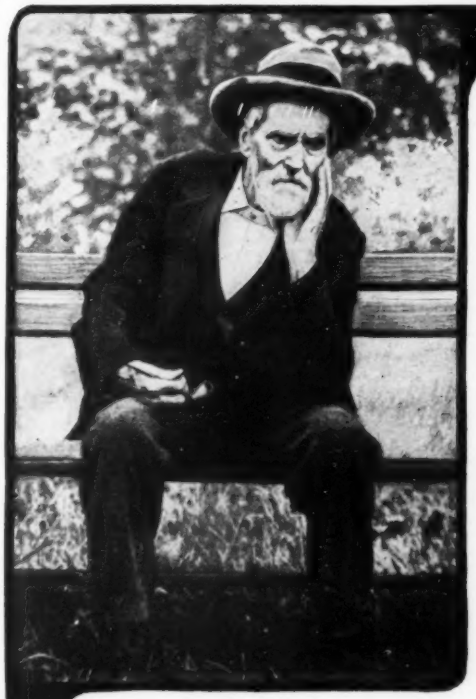
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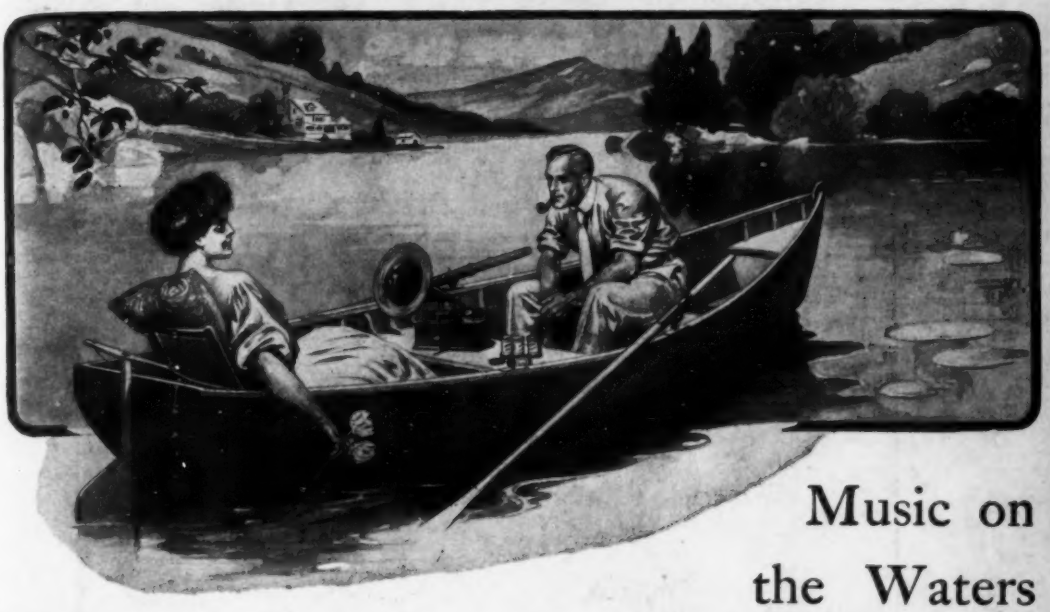
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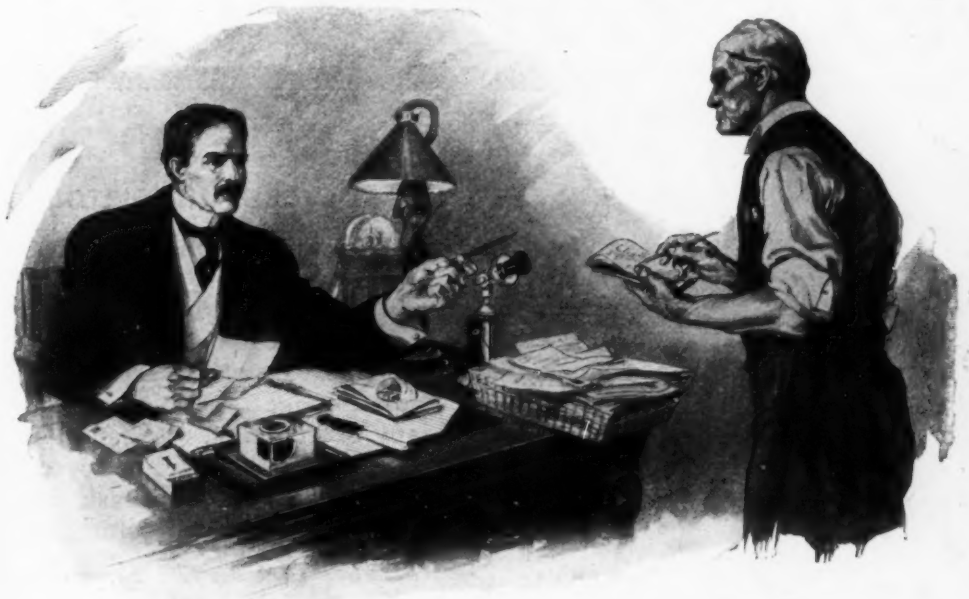
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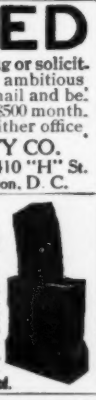
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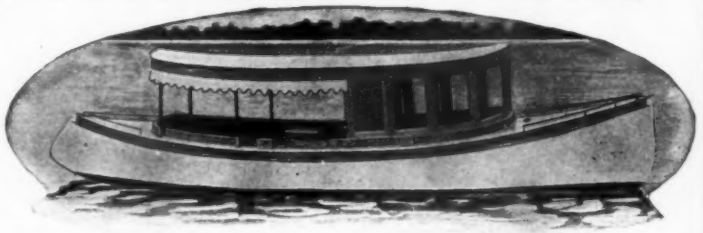


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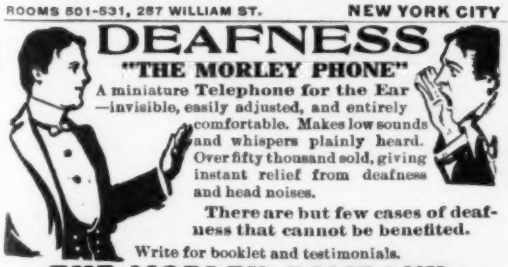
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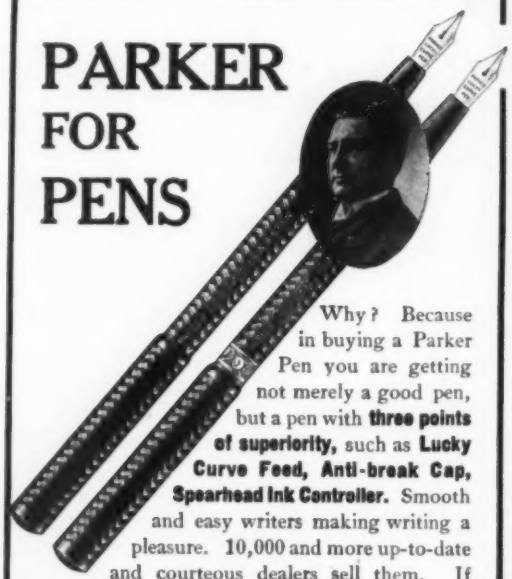
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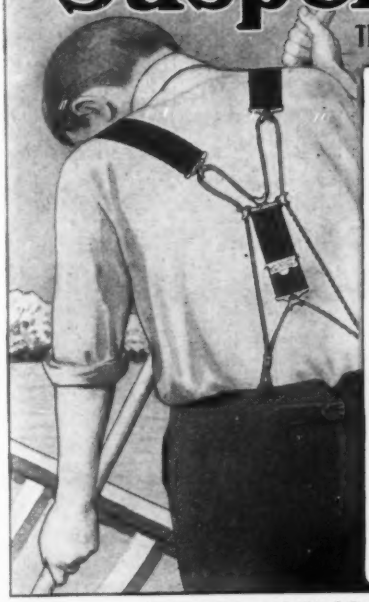
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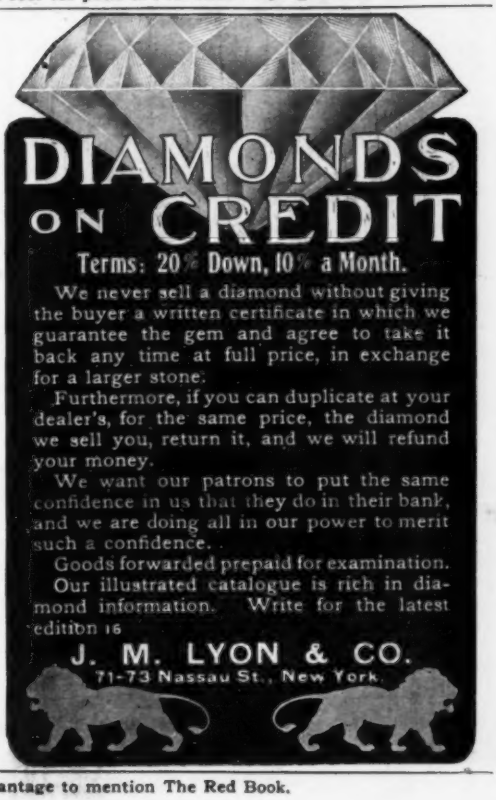
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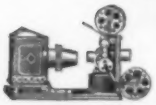
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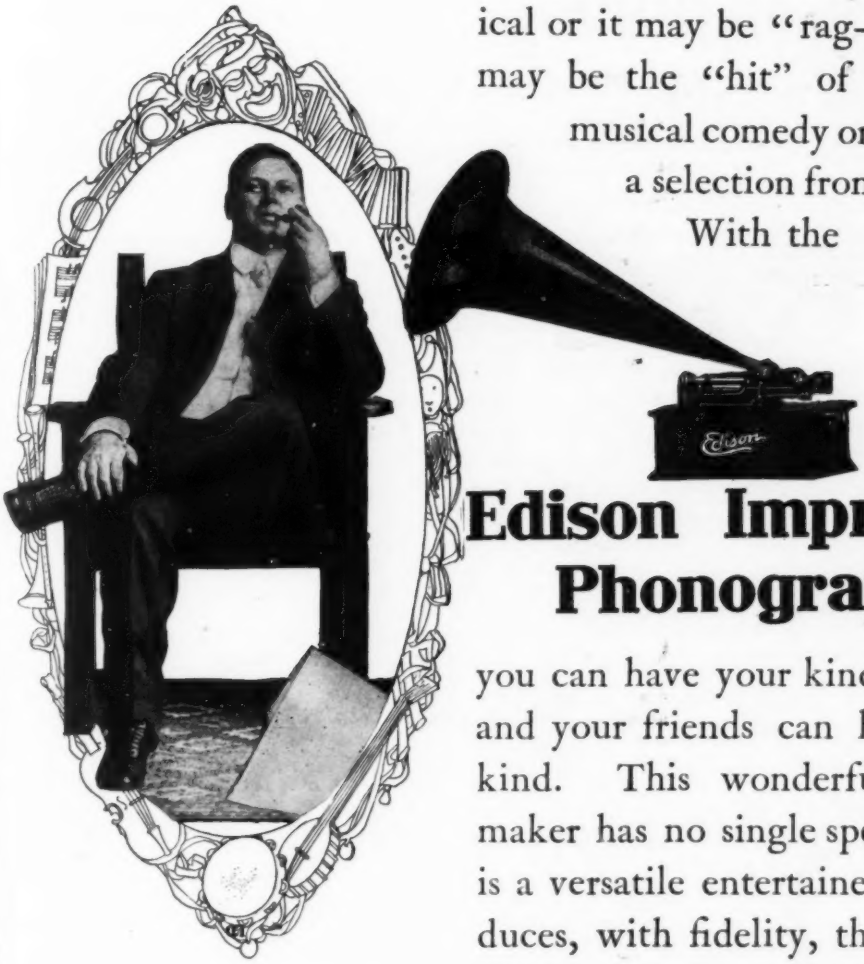
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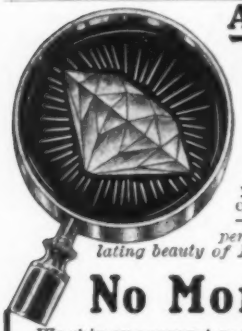
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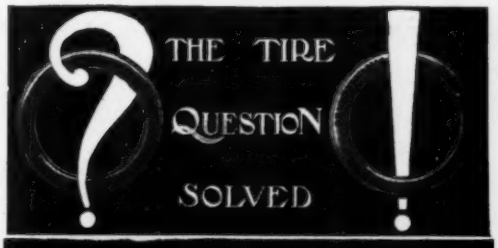
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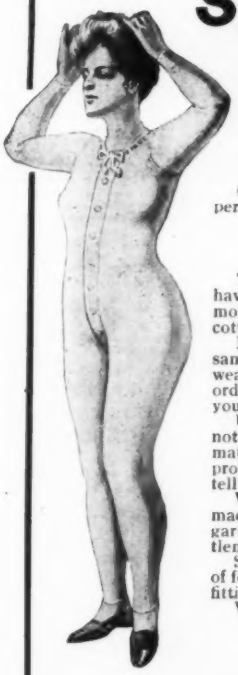
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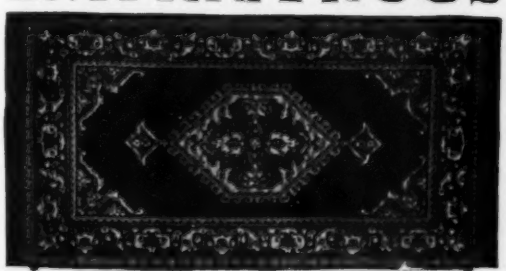
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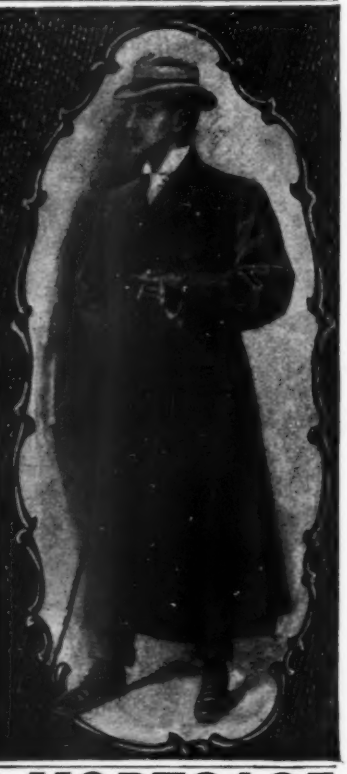
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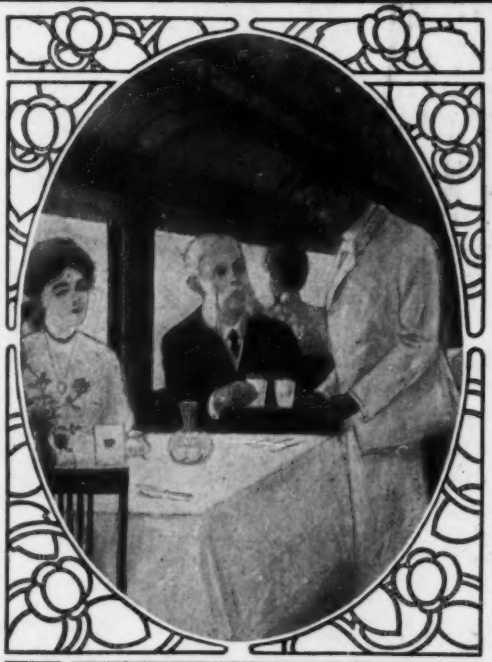
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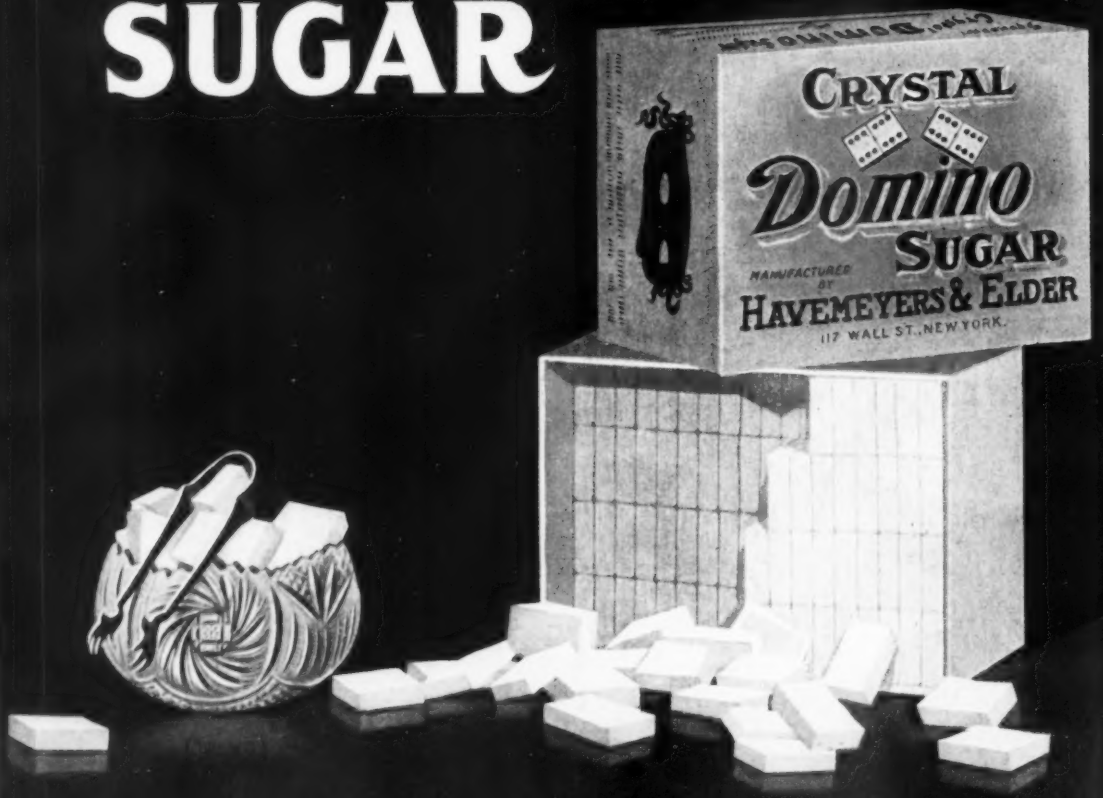
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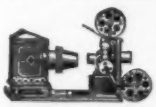
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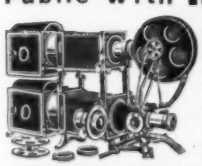


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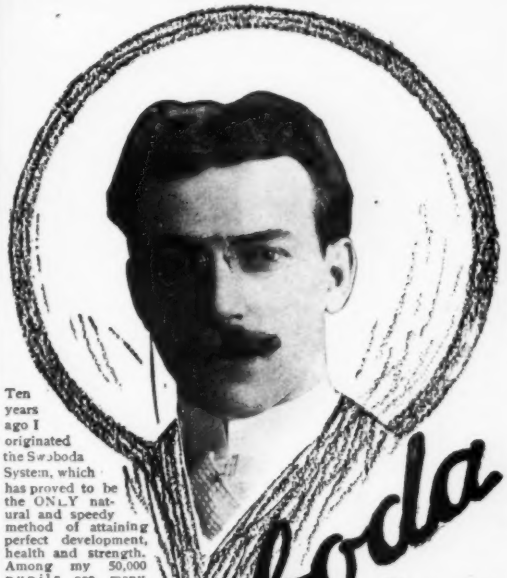
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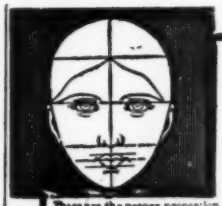
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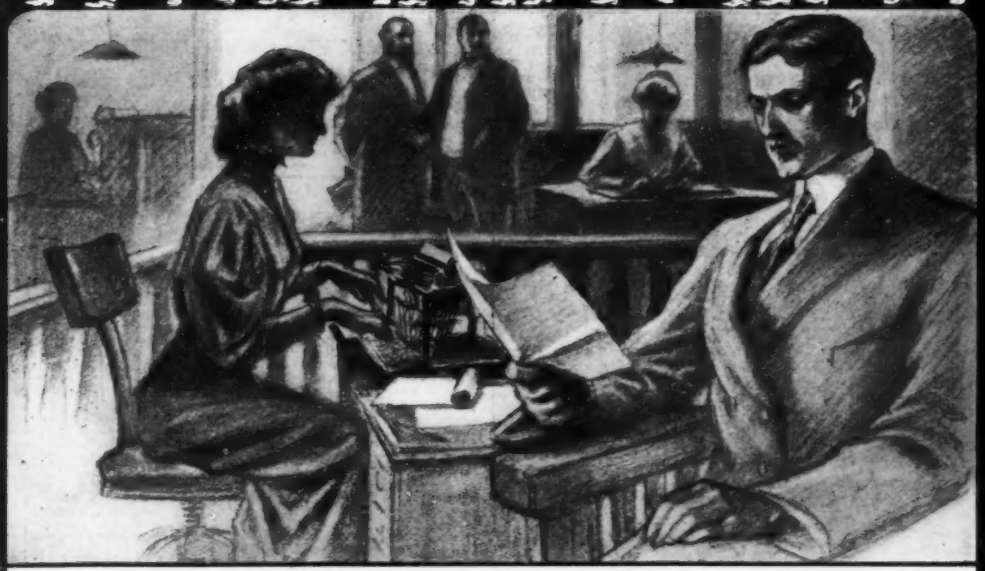
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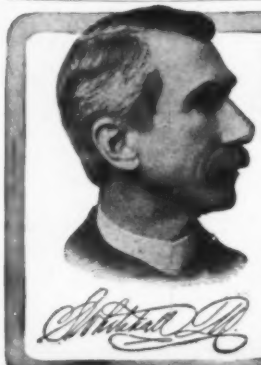
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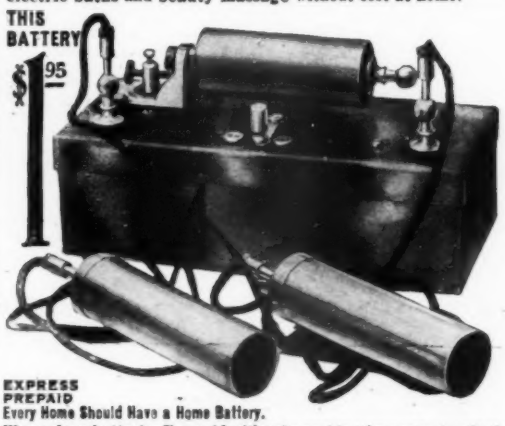
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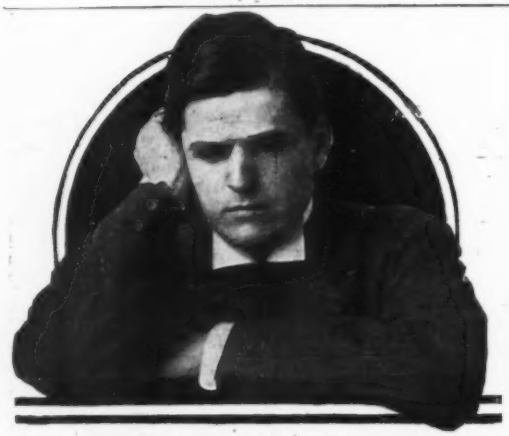
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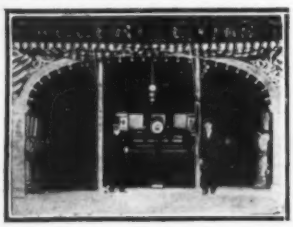
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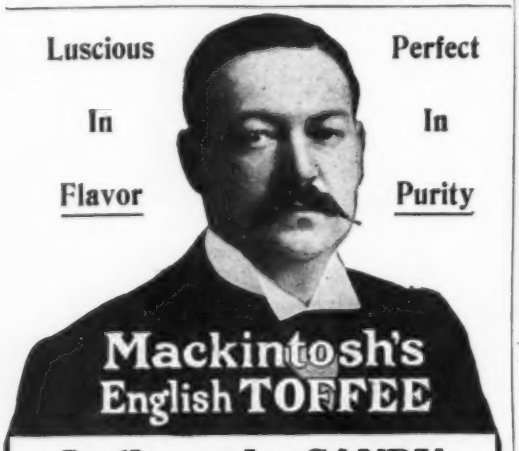
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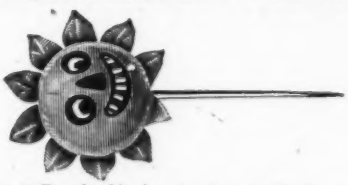
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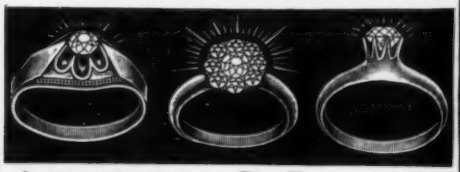
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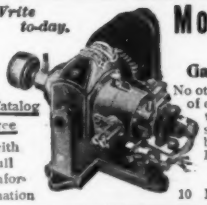
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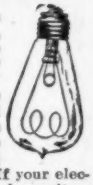


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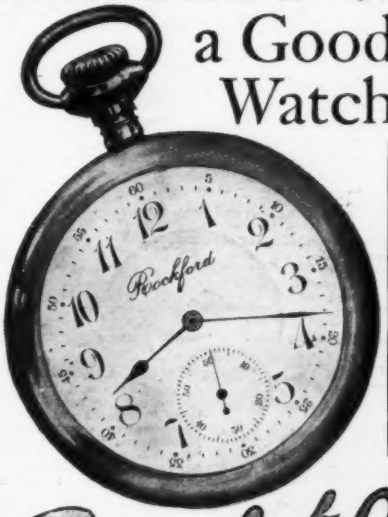


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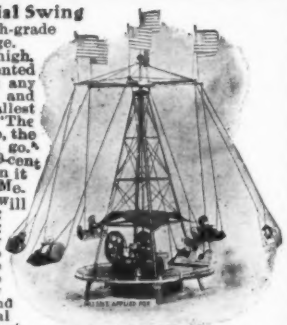
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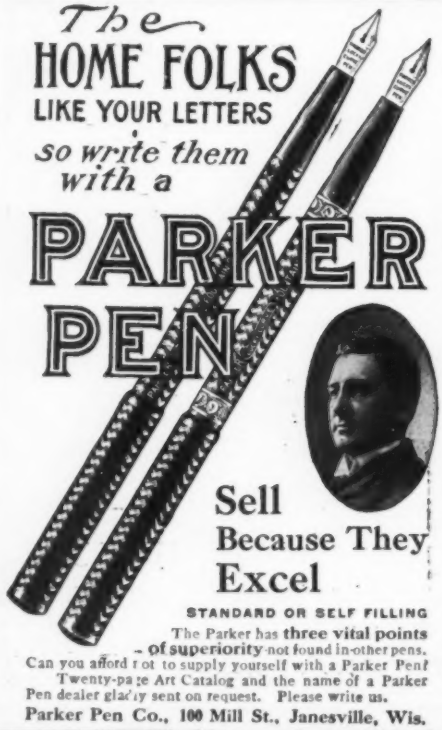
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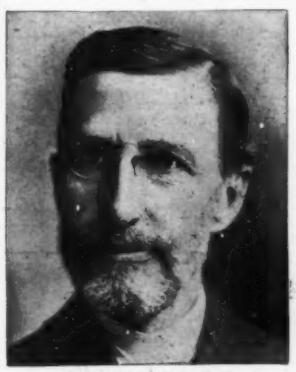


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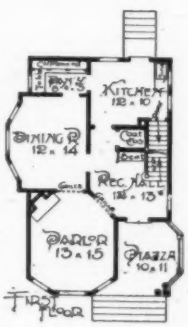
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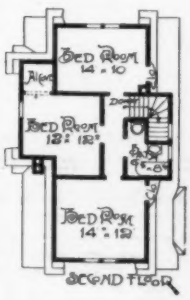
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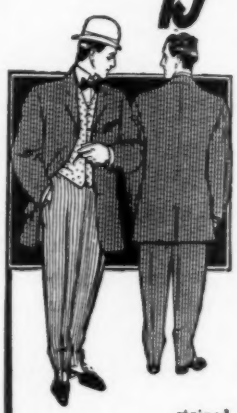
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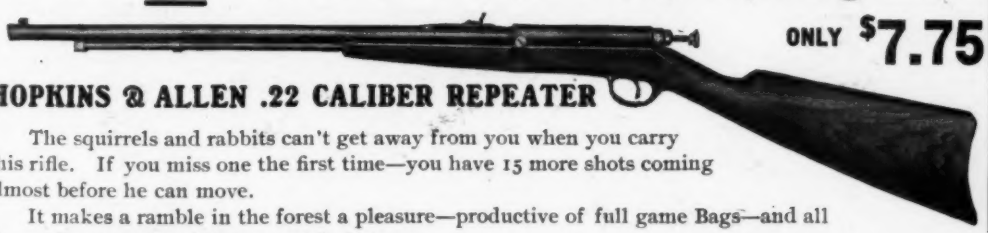
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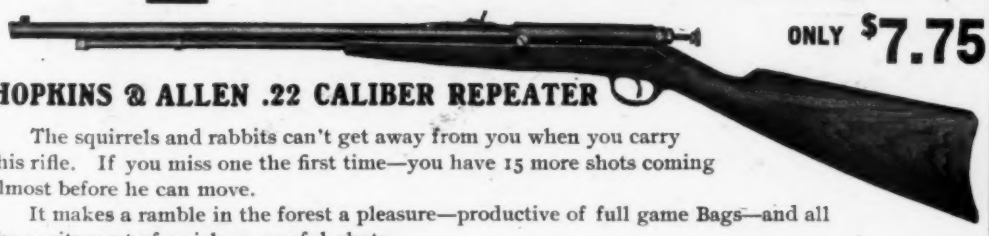
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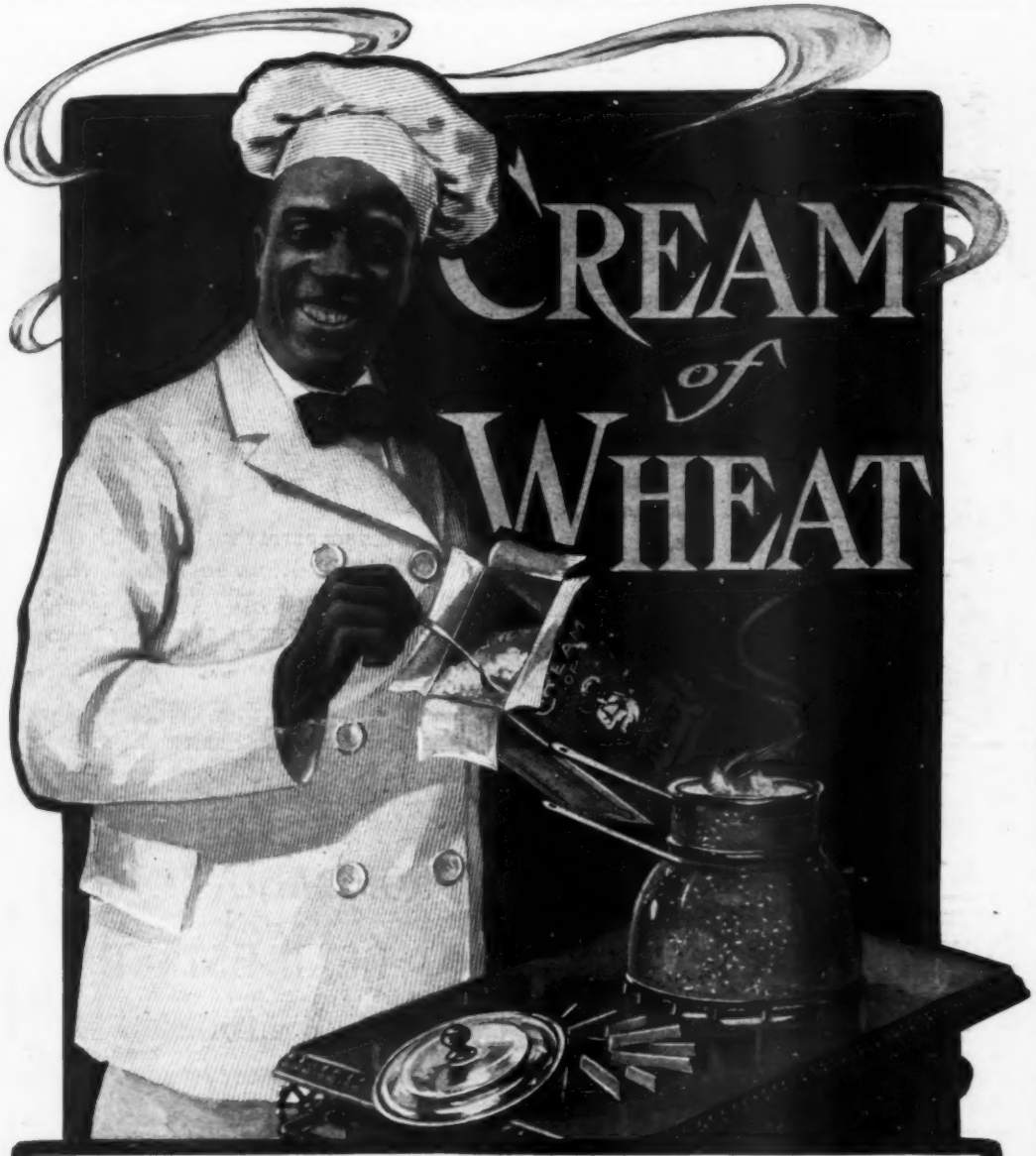
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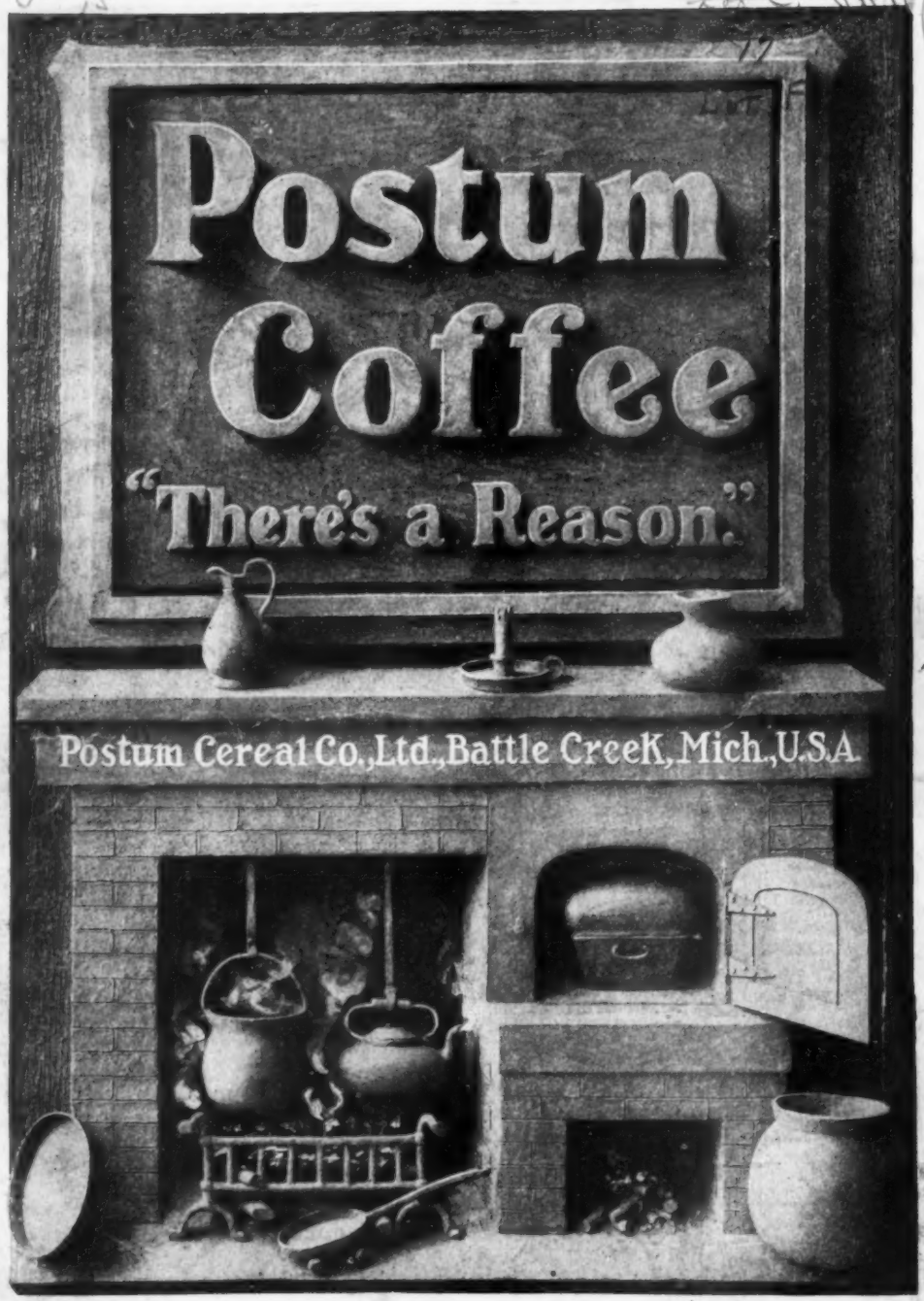
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